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# HMS "Nigeria" Sails For An "Unknown Destination"

Unconfirmed messages from Macao yesterday reported the arrival of some 100,000 ounces of gold at the Portuguese Colony during the Chinese New Year holidays.

The messages added that gold import allocations for the next quarter will be issued shortly.

Nanking, Feb. 16. Communist elements in Kwangtung province were revealed today as engaged in large scale armed smuggling which nets them a monthly profit estimated at CN\$50,000, 000.000 (US\$370,000 at today's Central Bank open market rate), according to the official Central Daily News in a dispatch from Canton.

**London, Feb. 16.**  
The British cruiser "Nigeria," 8,000 tons, was due to sail at dawn today from the South African base of Simonstown, on an operation, the Admiralty stated here. The vessel, which is the flagship of the South Atlantic Station, is being temporarily withdrawn from that Station.  
"But her destination is secret," an Admiralty spokesman declared. "Nor can we give the reason for temporarily withdrawing her from the South Atlantic Station."

Reports in the London press linked the ship's departure with developments in the Southern Atlantic and Antarctic areas, where the Argentine and Chilean Governments are disputing Britain's title to territory in the Falkland Islands dependencies, and have rejected the proposal that the matter be submitted to the International Court of Justice.

Foreign Office spokesman said this morning unable to confirm or deny any connection between the mysterious departure of the cruiser "Nigeria" with the rival political claims of Britain, Chile and the Argentine over the territory forming part of the Falkland Islands dependencies, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Argentinian vessels and claimants to Antarctic territory. The simultaneous publication in Buenos Aires and London of diplomatic exchanges between Britain and the Argentine coincides with these meetings.

If there is a British intention to forestall South American naval movements in the Antarctic, it would at first sight appear that the "Sampo" would be more rapidly available than a cruiser sent from Simonstown.—Reuter.

## Shanghai Quota

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An unusually heavy mist enveloped the Colony from 9 a.m. on Sunday until dawn yesterday. Between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Sunday, visibility in the harbour was practically nil.

Craft in the harbour had to sound their fog horns regularly every few seconds to avoid collisions.

Lights on either side of the harbour could not be seen, and ferry boat schedules were thrown "out of gear." They were guided by the sounding of gongs on the wharves.

It took one resident about 15 minutes to walk the half an hour to cross from the island to the mainland. Fortunately, there were no mishaps.

Nanking, Feb. 16.

Negotiations are still proceeding between the Chinese and British Governments for a settlement of the Kowloon issue, and according to a British Embassy spokesman this morning "various suggestions have been put forward and it is hoped that a settlement will be reached within the next few days."

A Chinese Foreign Office spokesman would neither confirm nor deny that the negotiations had reached this "optimistic stage" but added he hopes this to be the case.

London, Feb. 15.  
The Russian motor vessel Delta (200 tons) collided with Battersea Bridge across the river Thames early today.

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**YESTERDAY FROM**  
**INDIA.**

Washington, Feb. 15.  
A major split inside the Republican Party is regarded here as a major threat to speedy approval of the Marshall Plan by the Senate. March has now been fixed as the definite date for the opening of the debate on the plan.

Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, Secretary for Development, is to represent Hong Kong at discussions on Far Eastern fisheries problems to be held at Baguio, Philippine Islands, this month.

The following questions are to be discussed at the inter-governmental meetings, arranged by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations:—

Hollywood, Feb. 16.

The film capital's first two movies about anti-Semitism, "Crossfire" and "Gentlemen's Agreement," shared the lion's share of the 1947 nomination announced by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences today.

"Gentlemen's Agreement," the 20th Century-Fox version of the best seller about a magazine writer who pretends he is a Jew, was listed in all but one of the six major classes.

Rome, Feb. 16.  
**Cardinal** **Geminio Pignatelli**  
 Belmonte, the oldest Roman Catholic  
 Cardinal, died here today, aged 90.  
 Cardinal Pignatelli di Belmonte  
 was born at Naples on April 10, 1839,  
 and was ordained in 1879.  
 He was consecrated Archbishop  
 in 1889 and Cardinal in 1911. At his  
 death, Cardinal di Belmonte was  
 Dean of the Sacred College of Car-  
 dinals and Prefect of the Congrega-  
 tion of Rites.—Reuter.

Frankfurt, Feb. 15. The Russians have started to work new mines in Polish-occupied Silesia for uranium-bearing pitchblende, a correspondent of the American Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" claimed today, quoting "authoritative sources" here.

Frankfurt is the seat of the European Command of the United States Army.

under Russian management about a week ago. Since then, the Russians are alleged to have drafted

General situation.—A moderate anticyclone covers North China, and the extending southwards and eastwards. A depression centred near Tokyo is moving north-east and will reach Japan tomorrow. Disturbances are slight over the China sea and the Philippines.

Forecast.—Light variable winds from the north-east during the day. Mainly cloudy, with morning mist. Becoming cooler.

Yesterday's Weather.—  
Temperature—Maximum 74 deg. Fahr.  
Minimum 62.0 deg. Fahr.  
Rainfall .00 inch  
Barometer at 9 a.m.  
Wind direction S.W.  
Force 1-2 knots

Readings at 10 p.m.  
Baro. at sea level 30.08 in. m.b.  
" " " " 30.04 " " " "  
Rel. Humidity 88 %  
Dew Point 64° 48 deg. F.  
Wind Direction N.E.  
Force 3 knots

**A 100-year-old, smouldering feud between two Chinese clans exploded on Saturday night on the outskirts of Canton and continued into the following day, according to train passengers arriving in Kowloon on Sunday.**

The ensuing duel with firearms across the railway track delayed Sunday's first Kowloon-bound express train from Canton for more than two hours.

After leaving the Canton terminus on Saturday evening, the express was halted at Kulsan station, about 15 kilometres from the Kwangtung capital as a precautionary measure. Ahead, a column of enemy tanks and machine-gun fire, across the railway track, was in progress.

CHICAGO, FEB. 16.  
THE DEATH TOLL FROM  
THE FOUR-DAY ON  
SLAUGHTER OF FLOODS, ICE  
WEATHER AND STORMS  
REACHED 62 TODAY, BUT  
THE FLOODS, WHICH  
FORCED THOUSANDS OF  
PERSONS IN SIX STATES  
TO EVACUATE THEIR  
HOMES BEGAN TO RECED  
IN MOST AREAS.

Chicago reported that temperatures across the nation generally rose today, bringing 'relief' from the long siege of severe winter weather.

Temperatures are expected to continue warmer in the next two days, except in States along the Canadian border.

The Red Cross estimated that 10,000 persons were forced to flee from flood areas but, as the situation eased today, many families have returned.—United Press.

Tokyo, Feb. 16.  
Four were killed and six seriously injured when two apartment houses in Tokyo were destroyed by fire yesterday. One hundred and forty families have been made homeless.—Reuter.

Nanking, Feb. 16.

The semi-official Central Daily News said China may resort to barter in order to keep her rice bowls filled.

Quoting a "responsible official," the newspaper said plans are underway to set up a barter system for trading soybeans, bristles, tungoil and tea for foodstuffs to meet heavy domestic requirements.

The same report said the Chi-

Domestically, the report said, controls will be intensified over food distribution and speculation.—Associated Press.

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## Women Flee

Passengers said that they saw many women and children fleeing in a nearby field from the "battle scene."

Kutshan station employees disclosed that the "battle" started on Saturday night between the Lo and Cheung clans.

Ill-feeling between the two clans dated back 100 years. Saturday night's "baptism" was said to end an argument over a ceremony of "Awakening the Dragon" — a traditional Chinese New Year observance in which a symbolic dragon is manoeuvred from house to house to "bring good luck and prosperity" to the occupants.

Travelers from Canton said that more than 800 men were involved in the clan battle.



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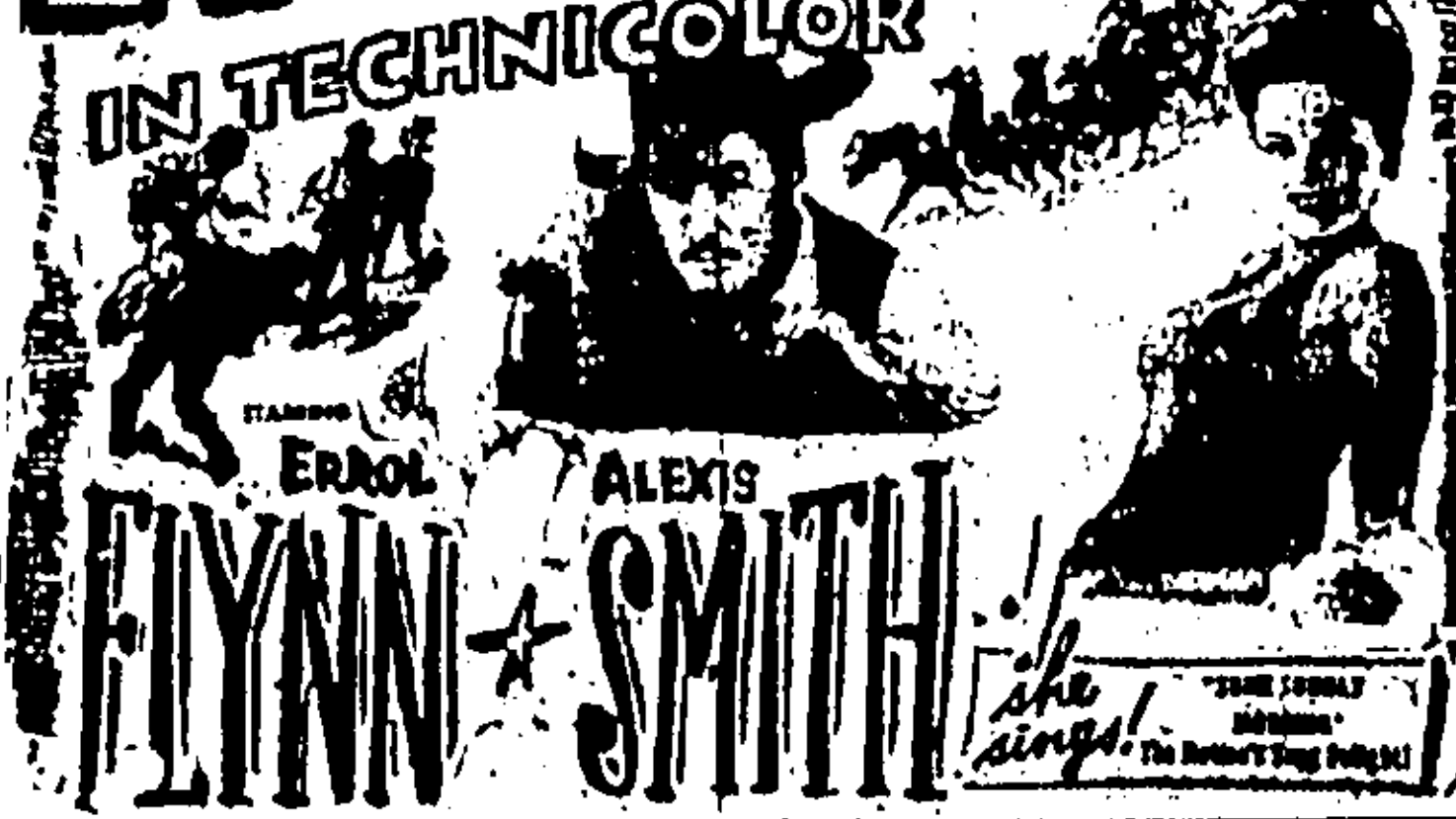
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## "HSIN KONG SO" FIRE ENQUIRY

The Enquiry into the fire which gutted the river steamer "Hsin Kong So" concluded at the Marine Court yesterday. The Court's findings will be made known at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday. The court comprised Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr (President) and Lt. F. E. Neville-Towl, DSC, RN and Mr. W. Bell (members). Mr. C. Y. Kwan held a watching brief for the Tai On Cheong S.S. Co., Ltd., Mr. W. Pittendrigh (ASP) was for the police and Mr. T. E. Jackson, Assistant Director of Marine (Ship Survey), acted for the Ship Survey Department.

The first witness at yesterday's hearing was Tsol Lam, 29, greaser, who said he joined the ill-fated ship on Feb. 5, and had only done one trip on her before the fire.

His first indication of the fire was when stoker Cheung Hung shouted "fire". The time was then 6.10 a.m.

He tried to reach the spot where the stoker was, but the smoke in the alleyway was so dense that he had to abandon the idea.

The Second Engineer then instructed him to get the fire extinguishers and to play them on the fire which he did. The fire was under control at 7.30 a.m.

He did not know how the fire originated beyond the fact that it started from the stockhold and in the region of the boilers and at about head level.

After the fire he noticed nothing wrong with the piping from the heater to the furnace, excepting that the outer layer covering the boiler was badly burnt.

He noticed nothing wrong with the smoke-box door of which was closed.

The floor of the stockhold was flooded with about 14 inches of water. The water was not very hot.

### Entered Stockhold

He entered the stockhold and remained inside for about 20 minutes. The steam pressure gauge registered 60 lbs.

Asked by whom he was recommended to join the ship he replied that the Sze Wo Hing Club informed him that that ship had vacancies and together with others he joined the ship on Feb. 4 and actually signed on Feb. 5.

He was the only person to enter the stockhold after the fire and could not recollect any other person entering.

In answer to Mr. Kwan he said that in the capacity of greaser it was his duty to oil the engines from time to time.

Answering a further question he said he went into the stockhold to ascertain whether there was anything still burning. He remained for 20 minutes for a careful inspection.

The dynamo was still working after the fire had been put out and the lights in the engine room were on.

Asked if he would deny it if someone said that the water in the stockhold flooring was boiling hot, he replied he would not certainly deny it.

Tsol Sing, No. 1 Fireman at the time of the fire and a brother to the greaser, said he joined the ship together with his brother on Jan. 31. The signing on took place on Feb. 6.

He had altogether made five trips on this boat. They were recommended to their present posts by the Sze Wo Hing Club.

The outgoing No. 1 Fireman was not known to him until he was introduced.

Prior to joining the ship he had been out of work for about a year and had previously been employed in the same capacity on an oil burning ship on the Calcutta run.

### Asleep

When the fire started he was asleep and was only awakened when people shouted to him that the engine room was on fire.

He went down into the engine room and saw very dense smoke issuing from the stockhold.

When the fire was put out he noticed about a foot of water flooding the stockhold and went about pumping it out. The steam pressure gauge at that time was registering about 50 lbs.

He remembered going into the stockhold after the fire to have a look round but could not recollect whether the water was hot or not.

The only damage he noticed was the covering to the pipe near the furnace which was badly burnt. The heater also appeared to have been burnt but he could not say what damage had been done.

There was no light when he entered the engine room as the dynamo was off but he could see fairly well from the light coming through the skylight.

He could not say whether his brother Tsol Lam was in the engine room after the fire nor could he advance any reason for the cause of the fire as he was fast asleep when it started.

It was the duty of every fireman when coming on duty to change the spark plugs for cleaning. This was done every four hours.

He agreed with Mr. Kwan that when he went on board and before being engaged he would show

### No Ill-Feeling

He also agreed that there was no ill-feeling shown by the outgoing No. 1 fireman and that he understood that the reason for his leaving was to join another ship.

Male Kan-ehon, 20, No. 1 Fireman, said he joined the ship about three months before the fire and was in the engine room at the outbreak of the fire.

When informed of the fire he did not go into the stockhold but ran up to inform the Chief Engineer and then went back to apply an extinguisher to the fire.

When he returned all he could see was dense smoke and flames shooting out from the stockhold.

After the fire was put out he was ordered by the Chief Engineer to stand by in the engine room and did not go into the stockhold as it was flooded.

He knew the outgoing No. 1 Fireman but could not say for what reason he left the ship and had never heard that he was dissatisfied with his job.

He was sure that that dynamo stopped functioning at 7.30 a.m. and there were no lights in the engine room. The dynamo was stopped by order of the Chief Engineer to preserve steam for the fire pumps and the gauge at that time registered 80 lbs.

Mr. Jackson then questioned him regarding various repairs that had been done to the oil pumps and coils. During the course of questions put by Mr. Jackson, Mr. Kwan requested the court's permission to produce bills made out by the dock company in regard to repairs effected which, said, were relative to the questions put by Mr. Jackson.

### Commotion

Ho Han, 39, Purser, told the court that he did not see the fire nor could he say how it started.

All he could say was he was asleep at the time and was awakened by the commotion. The first thing he did was to issue life jackets to the passengers.

At about 8.30 a.m. he left in a Customs launch for Hong Kong to report and summon assistance. As he was away from the ship he could not say whether the passengers all had their baggage.

Choy Sing, tallyman, said he joined the ship on Nov. 1 last year and it was his duty to see to stowing of cargo into the holds.

On Feb. 6 he personally supervised the stowing of cargo into the No. 1 Hold.

Asked if cargo was stowed right against the bulkhead separating the cargo hold and the stockhold he replied that no cargo was stowed nearer than three or four feet from the bulkhead.

The position of the oil settling tank did not render it safe to stow cargo against the bulkhead. The cargo stowed nearest to the bulkhead were soy cakes and Chinese medicine, and cargo in other parts of the hold consisted of camphor wood planks, cassia, joss sticks and bamboo wares.

There was also a quantity of salted eggs in baskets. A further quantity of salted eggs and Chinese wine were stowed in 'tween decks.

### Cargo Stowed

Asked by Mr. Jackson whether, since the journey was only

## Readers' Letters

### Results Of Trial

Sir,—May I take this opportunity to inform all ex-prisoners of War of Narumi P.O.W. Camp, Nagoya, Japan, of the results of the trial of the Japanese Camp Staff. The trial was held recently in the 8th Army Judge Advocate Section Court in Yokohama.

The sentences were as follows:—

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| Tekuchi Tanaka (Fish-face).....                            | 30 |
| Shoji Kawano (Harold Lloyd).....                           | 18 |
| Kemid Kawamura (Whirling Dervish).....                     | 18 |
| Hiroshi Tanaka (Camp Commandant).....                      | 16 |
| Ivan Yadoiwa (Jack Dempsey).....                           | 15 |
| Yukio Hirogaki (Ruby Lips).....                            | 10 |
| Tatsu Mizuno (Glee Guy).....                               | 8  |
| Tatsu Nakagawa (3 Fingers).....                            | 6  |
| Jiroichi Ito or Kameda (Fur Coat Mike or Gimble Eyes)..... | 5  |
| Hideo Sakai (Speed-O-Day).....                             | 5  |
| Who was sentenced to 30 years at an earlier trial.....     | 30 |
| Yoshiyuki Sawano (Mugolini).....                           | 10 |
| Nobuo Kotabe (Brown Bomber).....                           | 10 |
| Nakasu Ichi (Joe Louis).....                               | 10 |
| Isamu Hara (J.C. Cockshaw).....                            | 10 |
| Chenji Kato (Werry Willy).....                             | 10 |
| Yoshiyuki Sawano (Mugolini).....                           | 10 |
| Mitsuo Hayashi (Medical Sergeant).....                     | 10 |
| Toshiyuki Kawamura (Medical Sergeant).....                 | 10 |

## GURKHAS ARRIVING

The advance guard of the 2,100 Gurkha Rifles is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong today on board the troopship "Devonshire". They will be joined later by the remainder of the Battalion, which will be located at San Wal.

about four hours, the cargo would be just placed at any convenient spot in the hold, he replied that all cargo was properly stowed and a certain quantity of fire crackers stowed in the 'tween deck.

Asked about a statement he made to the police that these were stowed in the hold, he replied that he was never asked about it and was questioning about the 'tween deck floor and all.

Bank Tin-sang, No. 1 Compro, said he joined the ship on Nov. 3 last year. The ship was then owned by the Uni Steamship Company. He had been with the present owners, the Tai On Cheung Steamship Company, for about a month.

His duty was to supervise the company's staff and issue passage tickets. Asked if he noticed any suspicious characters on board on this particular trip he replied in the negative.

He had on this voyage 140 passengers and could give no reason as to what caused the fire as he was nowhere near the vicinity.

He also mentioned that he knew the outgoing No. 1 Fireman.

### Pressure Low

Third Engineer Cheung Tak said he had been engaged on the ship for one month and nine days. On the morning of the fire he was asleep in his cabin.

After he was awakened he attended to the fire hoses, and did not go down to the engine room till the fire in the stockhold was out.

The water in the stockhold was not pumped out. Some was pumped out of the engine room. The steam pressure registered 50 to 60 lbs after the fire was out. The normal pressure was 180 lbs.

He did not know who had shut the dynamo.

Regarding the new engine room crew he said, actually five of them were new men and three old hands.

The old crew consisted of Cantonese and Shanghai men, while the new crew were all Cantonese. He did not consider that it was unusual for a mixed crew not to get along well together.

The new No. 1 fireman was quite satisfactory, and he had no trouble with him.

Yim Cheung, manager of the Tai On Cheung S.S. Co., Ltd., said the purchase price agreed upon for the "Hsin Kong So" was \$800,000.

Aggregating \$410,000 had been paid on account. Tai On Cheung had paid \$280,000, and the Union Shipping Co. \$130,000.

Since the purchase of the vessel \$200,000 had been spent on repairs to her.

Tai Cheung was a private limited company specially formed to purchase the "Hsin Kong So". Its authorised capital was \$1,000,000, with \$340,000 paid up.

The ship was originally insured for \$50,000, and this was increased to \$80,000 before the purchase took place. The purchasers merely took over the insurance from the owners.

### Crew Changed

Asked for the reason for the change of crew witness said that on Jan. 29, 1948, a letter was re-

ceived from the No. 1 fireman representing the entire engine-room staff that they wanted to resign owing to the wages being too low. The No. 1 fireman was a Shanghai man.

A month before that a verbal request had been received for a pay increase, but it was turned down.

Upon receipt of this notice a new crew was engaged through the Sze Wo Hing Seamen Agency. They were sent to the ship's Chief Engineer for approval, and started work on Jan. 31.

He could not say the exact number of new men engaged, as the No. 1 fireman told him any old hands who wished to remain could do so. The new crew was engaged on the old scale of wages. They were all Union men.

All new crew had to be engaged through agencies of the Chinese Seamen's Union, and those approved by the ship's chief engineer were regarded as engaged.

Lo Fook-kyong, registry clerk of the Marine Department, produced to the Court the Shipping Register, and was ordered to make out an extract of the entry in regard to the "Hsin Kong So".

### New Crew

W. L. Morrison, Acting Senior Marine Officer, Mercantile Marine Office, gave evidence of the signing of the new crew and the signing off of the old crew before him on Feb. 6.

Captain Wood came to his office and told him he wanted to change his No. 1 fireman but found the entire engine room crew had been changed since Jan. 31 without his knowledge.

The new crew signed on consisted of six new hands and two old hands.

Mr. Morrison said he had heard the old crew had not been happy on board. Some of them were 'tongku men, and they did not seem to get along with their Cantonese colleagues.

A mixed crew on a ship was unusual, said witness.

### Ship Surveyed

Mr. K. C. Hamilton, ship surveyor of the Marine Department, testified to the survey he conducted on the "Hsin Kong So" from Sept. 4 to Oct. 31, 1947, and said the fire fighting equipment was well above statutory requirements, and he was fully satisfied.

He went on board the ship on Feb. 8 to look her over after the fire. The bulkhead between the stockhold and No. 1 hold was practically intact on the stockhold side. He could not see the other side as a fire was still burning in No. 1 hold.

Asked by the President whether he found any clue as to the possible cause of the fire, witness said there was none.

Captain Wood, master of the "Hsin Kong So", was then recalled and questioned by the President on the orders he gave for combating both the stockhold fire and the subsequent fire in No. 1 hold.

He said he did not visit the engine room himself or give any order for such visit, as that was done by the Chief Engineer.

"In view of the fire in the stockhold, did it never occur to you that it might spread to the adjoining No. 1 hold? Why was no one sent to look into it?" asked the President.

Captain Wood replied he did not make investigations because he assumed the bulkhead separating the stockhold and the No. 1 hold was fool proof.

### Fire Drills

In reply to another question about fire drills on board, Captain Wood said there was a drill once a month.

"Don't you know that the Merchant Shipping Ordinance provides for fire drills on merchant ships at least once a week?" asked the President.

Witness said he was aware of this, and that the last drill was just before Christmas.

The Chief Officer, William Anderson, was then recalled and questioned by the Court on the orders he gave for combating the two fires.

The Chief Engineer, Mr. Kheiry was next recalled to the box and asked by the Court if he was aware at the time that the new No. 1 fireman had been ashore a year. He said he did not know.

When he saw the new crew he was told by them that they were familiar with fuel oil ships, and he was satisfied.

He was also questioned about discrepancies between his evidence and that given by other witnesses in regard to smoke in the stockhold and engine room. He reiterated definitely that smoke was too dense after the fire in the stockhold was put out, for anyone to go down.

This concluded the evidence, and Court adjourned to 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, for announcements of the Court's findings.

London, Feb. 16.—The Food Minister of Burma in the House of Commons today announced that the Government had decided to increase the export of rice to 10 per cent.

## PMG Leaving On Retirement

Mr. Edward Irwine Wynne-Jones, Postmaster-General, is leaving by the s.s. "Canton" next Monday on retirement. He has been with the Hong Kong Government since 1920.

Born in the Indian province of Assam on July 25, 1896, he was sent to England two and a half years later. His parents were missionaries for the Presbyterian Church in Assam for five years.

Mr. Wynne-Jones first studied at Felsted School in Essex. Later, he entered a duration Public School where he gained a Mathematical Exhibition.

When World War I broke out, he was at Jesus College, Oxford, joining the Army, he received a Commission and served with the Eighth Battalion, Welch Regiment, from which he was later invalided out.

In 1916, he joined what was then known as the Royal Flying Corps and served in Egypt. After a few months, he was invalided out and returned to the Welch Regiment to serve in the 11th Battalion in Macedonia until the end of war in 1918.

Demobilised, Mr. Wynne-Jones resumed his studies at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, where he took up law, international politics and political economy.

In July 1919, he married Miss Morfryn Vaughan-Owen and four months later sat for the Civil Service Examination. On July 18, the following year, he was appointed a Cadet. He arrived in Hong Kong on Aug. 22, the same year.

Shortly after his arrival, he was sent to Canton for Chinese studies. Police Magistrate

On June 15, 1922, he was appointed District Officer, South, and five months later was transferred to the Colonial Secretary's Office.

On Nov. 12, 1923, he sat for the first time as Police Magistrate in Kowloon. He also served for a period as Acting Assistant Colonial Magistrate.

On Feb. 1, 1932, he became Second Police Magistrate in which capacity he served until Dec. 12, 1936, when he was appointed Postmaster-General.

Mr. Wynne-Jones was interned at Stanley during the Japanese occupation. After the Liberation, he left on recuperation leave and returned in June 1946 to resume duties as Postmaster-General.

Mr. Wynne-Jones was one of the organisers of the former Hong Kong Flying Club. He was its first Captain in 1922-28. At one time he was stage manager of the former Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club.

He has two daughters and a son.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced: Mr. George Ernest Victor Watson, merchant, 229 Nathan Road, to Miss Cheung Han-chuk.

Mr. Jose B. Flores, musician, 41 Hillwood Road, to Miss Mag C. Yue, cashier, Gray Bros., 102 Austin Road.

Passengers by C.P.A. planes included C. Lerner, H. de Chambray, S.S. Loman and R.A. Krellin (for Saigon), C. Michael (for Singapore) and C.D. Brito (for Rangoon).

There will be a evening meeting of the Hong Kong Stage Club for a Radio Play at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow at the Club Theatre in the Mission to Seamen (next to the China First Club). Since the Play to be cast is rather short there will also be a reading of another play.

Arrivals at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday included Mr. W. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Handscond, Mrs. G.T. Bagram, Mr. W. Munro and Mrs. E.R.G. Godfrey. The departures included Mr. G.D. Nicholl, Mr. F. Dmitrovsky, Mr. B.S. Ohnleik, Mr. S. K. Tan and Mr. K.F. Shao.

Arrivals at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. I. Aberton, Mr. and Mrs. P.P.E. Dignall, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Blanks, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Mackay, Mr. A.G. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Finney and child, Mr. E.F. Hardman, Mr. G.D. Nicholl, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Henry and Mrs. I.F. Ancoit.

Arrivals at the Repulse Bay Hotel yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. H. Donald. Departures included Sir Thomas and Lady Jackson, Miss C. Lead and Mr. and Mrs. S.A.M. Elliott.

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# REAL OBJECT OF CONTRACT SAID TO BE SMUGGLING

Allegations that smuggling was the real object of an alleged contract for the transport of goods from Hong Kong to Swatow was put forward when hearing of an action for the recovery of goods or, alternatively, \$20,881, value of the goods and charges, commenced before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada, Remedios, appeared for the plaintiffs, the Kai Cheong Firm of 55 Connaught Road West, Merchants.

The Chuen Hing Firm and the Tung Wan Navigation Co. of 4 Queen's Street are named as defendants. Mr. Charles Leoboe, instructed by Mr. A.S.C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings & Co., appeared for the Chuen Hing Firm.

The plaintiffs claimed the return of 10 packages of pocket watches, 7600 pairs, and 17 packages of rubber shoes, containing 141 dozen, entrusted by them to the defendants on Jan. 9, 1947, for delivery to the plaintiff's nominees, Kwong Yu and Chan Lee Fung of 61 Chan Hong Street and 80 Wing Hing Street, Swatow, respectively.

Plaintiffs, who alleged that the defendants had failed to deliver, claimed the purchase of the rubber shoes, also claimed the return of \$2,862, being amount paid by them to the defendants for their charges for delivery of the watches and rubber shoes to the firms at Swatow.

Alternatively, the plaintiffs claimed the sum of \$20,881, being the value of the goods and charges.

The defendants, in their defence, denied that the plaintiffs entrusted them with the goods. They admitted that plaintiffs paid to them a cheque for \$2,215 and \$647 in cash, but denied that the cheques were given for the purpose alleged. The sums, amounting to \$2,862, were paid to them in the first instance as stakeholders only, the terms and conditions being that they should pay over the sum to the Tung Wan Navigation Co., as and when instructed by the plaintiffs or upon completion of the terms of the contract made between the plaintiffs and the Tung Wan Navigation Co., to which the first defendants were not a party.

First defendants claimed that upon the instructions of the plaintiffs, they paid over to the Tung Wan Navigation Co., \$647, entrusted to them in cash. They further claimed that on or about Jan. 11, 1947, the cheque for \$2,215 was dishonoured by the plaintiff's bank.

## Reminders

### Today

Fourth Gramophone Recital, Sim-British Music Group, Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m.  
H.K. Football Association Council meeting, Association Office, 5.15 p.m.  
Urban Council Meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.  
Rotary Club Closed Meeting, R of Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
Women's Guild meeting, Kowloon Union Church, 10 a.m.  
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

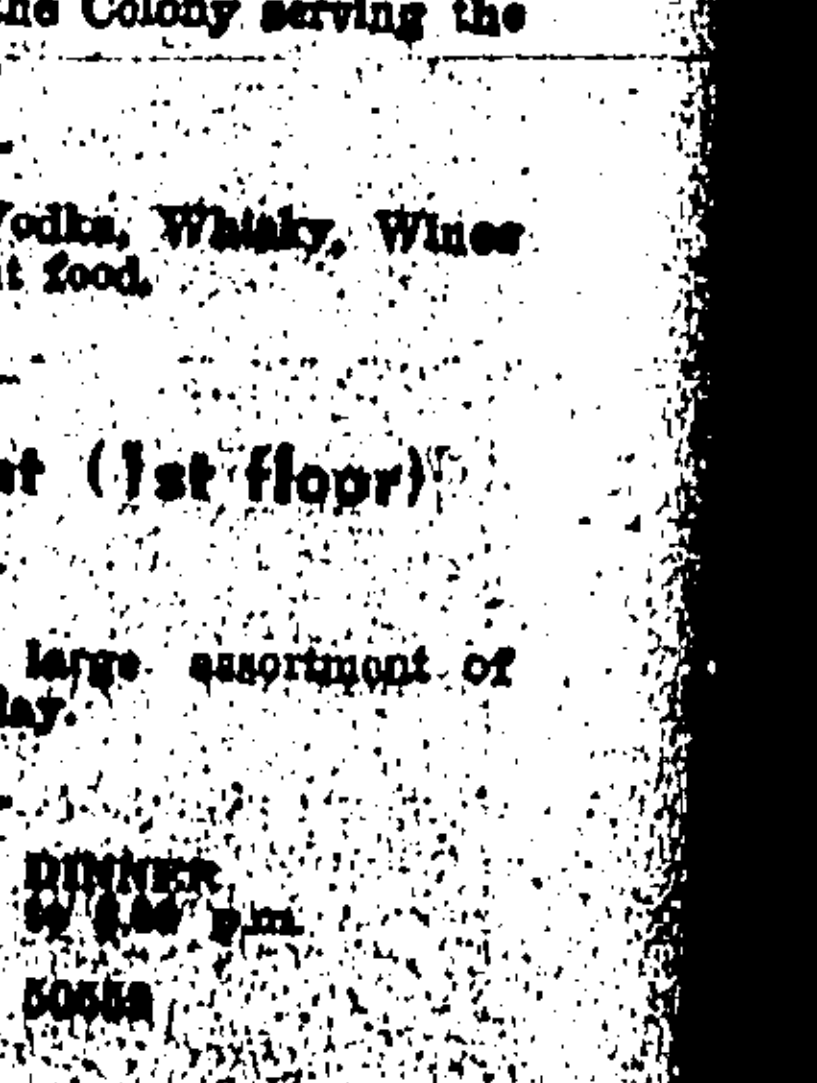
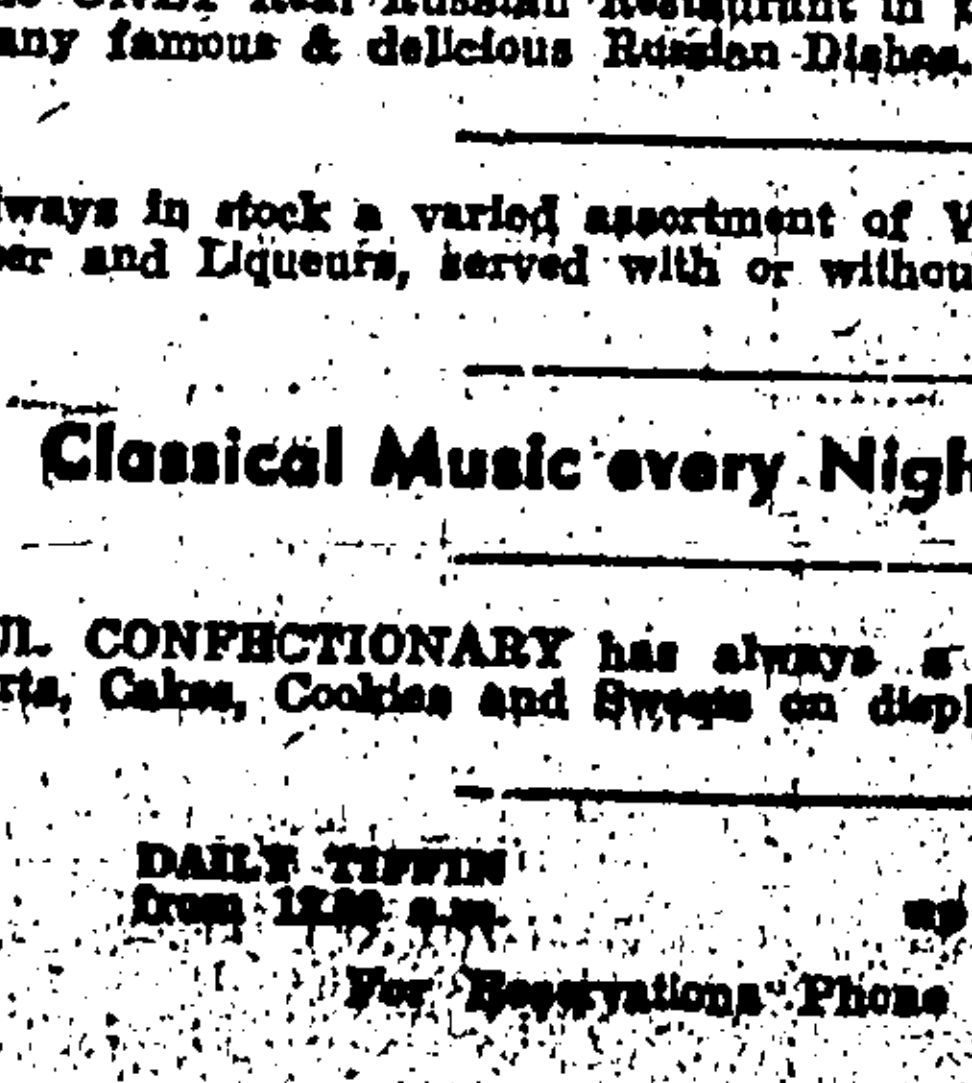
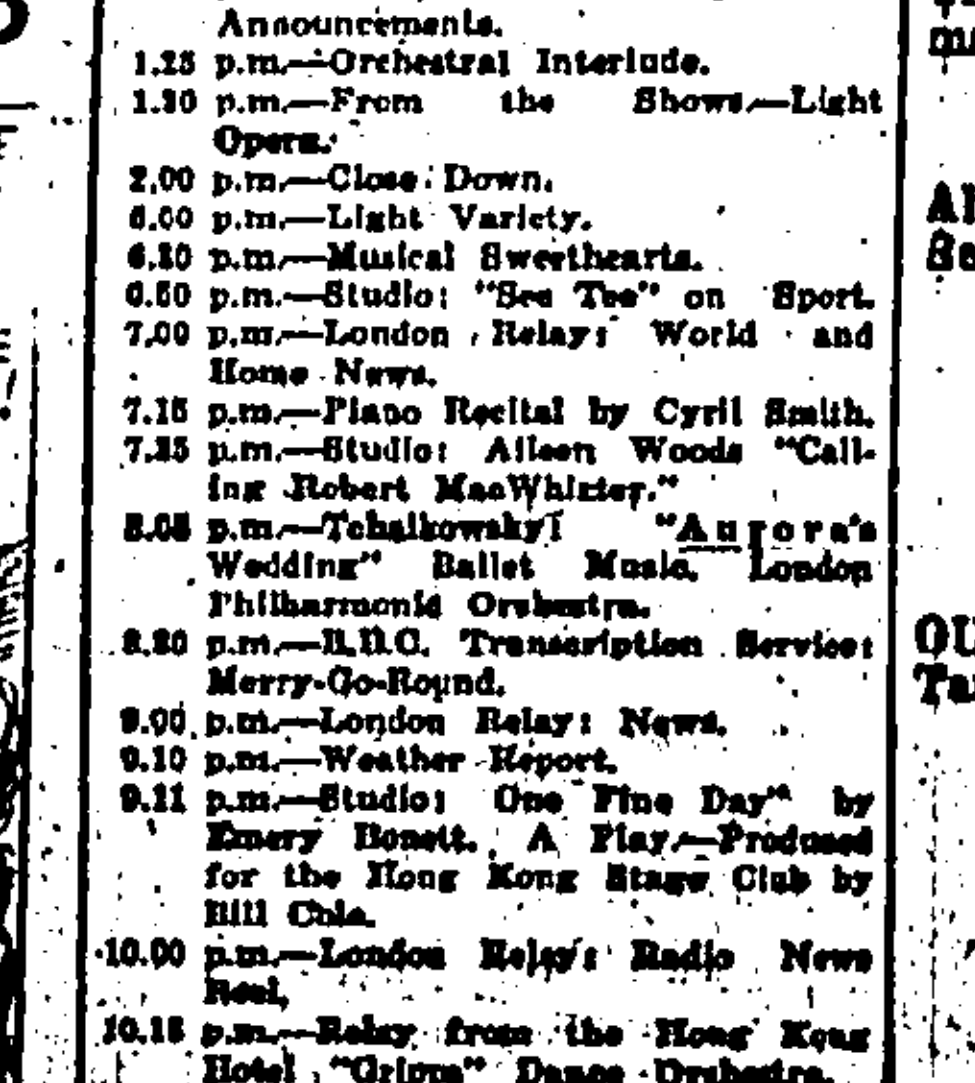
### Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
Royal Air Forces Association meeting, Cock and Pullet Restaurant, Duddell St., 12.45 p.m.  
Annual General Meeting, Society of Yorkshiresmen, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY**  
Farewell Dinner for Mr. S. V. Boxer by Old Morrisians, H.K. University Alumni, Queen's Building.  
Annual General Meeting, H.K. Lawn Tennis Association, H.K. Cricket Club Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

Anti-T.B. Association meeting of Council & Executive Committee, Medical Headquarters, H.K. Bank, 5.30 p.m.

## RIP KIRBY



## Australian "Embassy" Now

Nanking, Feb. 16. The Chinese and Australian Governments have agreed to the elevation of their respective legations to Embassies, the Chinese Foreign Office officially announced here today.

The announcement said that this change becomes effective as from today.

Reuter-AAP.

It was precisely the same as Chuen Hing. An assurance was also given to the plaintiffs that when payment of freight charges was made, a receipt, leaving the chop of the Chuen Hing, would be issued.

Fokis would also be called to testify that they knew Koo as the manager of the Chuen Hing and the person who always handled matters relating to the despatch of cargo.

Ng Sik-kei of the Kai Cheong Firm, who gave evidence in support of the plaintiffs' case, said under cross-examination by Mr. Leoboe, that he did not know what goods were on the list of prohibited imports. He left everything to the transportation concern, whose duty it was to see that the goods were handled through the proper channels.

Denial

He denied that he negotiated with Ng Pik-cho to put through a smuggling contract. He further denied that he knew the motor truck "Tai On" was used for smuggling and that members of its crew were skilled in smuggling.

On hearing that the goods had been seized by the Chinese Customs, he took no steps to recover them. He considered that it was the responsibility of the Chuen Hing to take action, as they had undertaken to do everything on his behalf and to pay the necessary duties and taxes.

He never gave any instructions to Chuen Hing to smuggle the goods.

He did not make any written protest to Chuen Hing over the seizure, but spoke to the verbally on the subject.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

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## Sten Gun Larceny Charge

Reginald Swinton Boulton (28), Bramwell James Duckett (21), and Cpl. Harry Adamson (26), all of the R.A.S.C., and Jaffar Mahommed Alarakia (42), civilian clerk of the R.A.S.C., were remanded for another week in gaol custody by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

In making the application, Det. Sub-Inspector W.H. Scragg informed the Court that he was still awaiting instruction from the Customs Council. He hoped to be able to proceed with the case after a week.

The three Servicemen are being jointly charged with larceny of 12 Sten guns on Jan. 3. Boulton and Duckett (drivers) are further charged with stealing 2500 rounds of 9mm ammunition on Jan. 5. Boulton is also facing an additional count of larceny of 24 Sten gun magazines on Jan. 6. The charge against Alarakia is that of being an accessory before the fact to the larceny.

Plunged Into Harbour

The Harbour has been on several occasions the last resort to safety for lawbreakers—at least momentarily.

Thirty-year-old Chan Tam thought so, and when confronted with police arrest near the Star Ferry Wharf last Sunday he pushed his vehicle into the harbour and he himself followed suit.

Both were fished out of the water and Chan sent to the Queen Mary Hospital, where he was found to have suffered nothing more than the ducking.

Charged with traffic obstruction, defendant was fined \$75 on five days imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

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Application forms may be  
obtained at the Secretary's  
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By Order,  
- S. A. SLEAP,  
Actg. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry  
Forms for the Second Extra  
Race Meeting to be held on  
Saturday, 28th February, 1948  
(weather permitting) may be  
obtained at the Secretary's  
Office, Exchange Building; the  
Club House, Happy Valley;  
and the Stables, Shan Kwong  
Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock  
NOON on Thursday, 19th  
February, 1948.

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## THE HONG KONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

A General Meeting of Mem-  
bers will be held in the Hong  
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# COMMUNISM IN FAR EAST Washington Plan For 'Holding Action' Concentrating On Aid For Europe

Washington, Feb. 16.  
Administration officials believe the United States  
can do little more than engage in "holding  
action" against Communism in the Far East  
during the next three or four years while pur-  
suing the actual Marshall plan strategy of  
political-economic warfare against the spread  
of Communism in Europe.  
The Administration plans in this respect are con-  
firmed by well-informed sources who assert  
that such holding action in Asia will of neces-  
sity be pivoted on Japan and possibly Korea  
with no really effective attempts at basic aid  
for China.

## POLICE NOTICE

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FOR THE ARRIVAL IN THE  
COLONY OF REAR ADMIRAL  
HAROLD M. MARTIN OF  
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### 1. ARRIVAL

Rear Admiral Harold M.  
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is expected to arrive at Queen's  
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The following roads will be  
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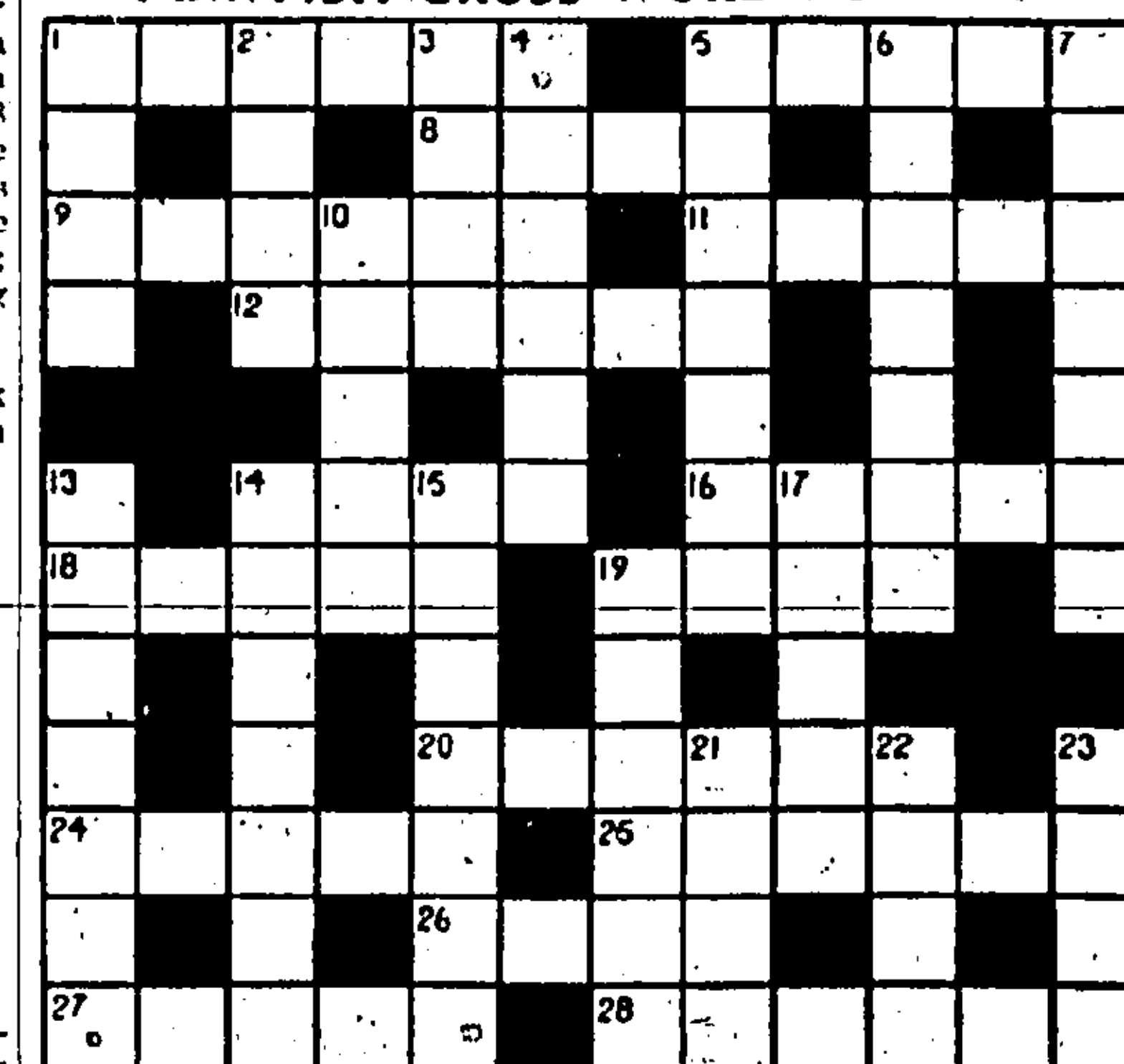
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B. Car Parks in Jackson  
Road.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



**Clues Across**  
1. Gloom.  
5. Become.  
8. Babe.  
9. Neat.  
10. Road.  
11. Relating to punishment.  
12. Cavalryman.  
14. Disorder.  
15. Margin.

**Clues Down**  
1. Lament.  
2. Stagger.  
3. Stuffy.  
4. Build.  
5. Ameliorate.  
6. Change.  
7. Faced off.  
10. Nominated.  
11. Protective.  
12. Loll.  
13. Down.  
14. Comic.  
15. Arson.  
16. Spume.  
17. Liner.  
18. Carrot.  
19. Degged.  
20. Mineral.  
21. Concur.  
22. Reredox.  
23. Oves.  
24. Vassal.  
25. Tern.  
26. Cligan.  
27. Nipper.  
28. Oriel.  
29. Impel.  
30. Gore.  
31. Lenk.

## Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1. Grass, 4. Placid, 8. Mourn, 10. Acid, 12. Mirror, 14. Convene, 17. Note, 19. Erected, 20. Censure, 22. Felt, 23. Adoring, 27. Pal-

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# MALAYAN MINORITY RESTIVE

## Grave Situation In Southern Siam

### Bangkok Despatch Of Troops

Singapore, Feb. 16.—The Straits Times said today that the Siamese army is rushing reinforcements to four southern Siamese provinces because of a "grave situation" among the Malay minority of 700,000.

The despatch, written from Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Malayan Federation, said it was believed there that "the troops were dispatched by Siam as a police measure."

"The Siamese probably are at present attempting to quash any possibility of revolt, although an armed revolt seems highly improbable," the article said. Latest reports from Northern Malaya had indicated reinforced Siamese army forces had taken up positions along the Siamese-Malayan border and that troops in other parts of Siam had been alerted.

#### Suspense And Fear

The paper described the Malays in South Siam as being "in a state of continual suspense and fear," especially the Moslems. Many refugees, it said, have been crossing into British Malaya since Jan. 16 from the Southern Siamese provinces—Patani, Yala, Setul and Narathivas.

These four provinces were formerly independent Malay states. Malay nationalists have been accusing the Siamese of "persecution."

The Times quoted a reliable spokesman at Kuala Lumpur as saying Siam had made new arrests.

### Warning By Stern Gang

JERUSALEM, FEB. 15.—THE STERN GANG TODAY WARNED MEMBERS OF FOREIGN CONSULATES IN JERUSALEM BY LETTER THAT THEY WOULD BE TREATED AS "FOES AND SPIES" IF THEY EXPLOIT THEIR DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO HELP THE ARABS.

The letters accused unnamed members of the consular corps of abusing their immunity. "In its communications to the Consulates-General of Syria, the Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen, the Stern Gang threatened the rulers of the Middle East countries, where anti-Jewish demonstrations have taken place, that if the attacks against Jews continue, the rulers will be tried as murderers and punished."

The letters said that Arab mosques were being used as snipers' posts and the Stern Gang would regard such mosques as military objectives. —Reuter.

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#### OPEN REVOLT THREATENED

Singapore, Feb. 15.—Siam has recently sent reinforcements to her garrisons in the southern provinces bordering Malaya in view of the threat of a possible "open revolt" by the Malay minority who wish to secede to the new Malayan Federation, according to the latest reports from Penang quoted by the Straits Times today.

The reports said that since the arrest in January of the Malay spiritual leader, Haji Sulong, further arrests had been made and many refugees had crossed the Malaya border which is now being heavily manned by Siamese troops. —Reuter.

### Hollywood May Be In For A Shock

Washington, Feb. 15.—The structure of America's film industry may be shaken to its foundations—and a big new chance to British and other foreign competition—by a Supreme Court decision due to be made shortly.

The case before them is the 10-year-old Government action under the anti-trust laws, aimed at breaking up the virtual monopoly held by the five major companies and three minor ones over motion picture distribution and showing.

Two years ago, a New York court decided in favour of the Government but an appeal was made to the Supreme Court. The companies concerned are Paramount, Loew's Incorporated, R.K.O., Warner Brothers and 20th-Century-Fox, and the lesser firms, Columbia Pictures Corporation, Universal Corporation and United Artists Corporation.

Together, these own over 3,000 theatres and control the distribution of the vast majority of the pictures produced in this country.

The key point in the Government argument is that no theatre can operate successfully at present without access to the substantial number of pictures which these companies distribute, and no independent producer can succeed without access to the substantial number of key-theatres which these companies control.

#### TELEVISION IN THE WAY

London, Feb. 15.—The television sound programme from Alexandra Palace is interfering with the standard beam approach reception of planes flying in the London area, according to the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

In a warning notice to pilots and navigators the Ministry said: "It may be unsafe to navigate aircraft in accordance with received SBA signals unless such signals are very strong compared with interfering television signals."

The Ministry explains that the warning does not imply any fault with the television transmission or with the standard beam approach equipment. —Reuter.

London, Feb. 16.—The Naval Prize account of the Admiralty Division of the High Court, now issued, shows a credit balance of £3,220,209. —Reuter.

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### Kiangwan Airport Drama

SHANGHAI, FEB. 16.—THREE AIR DISASTERS WERE NARROWLY AVERTED. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN THREE C.N.A.C. PLANES LANDED AT KIANGWAN AIRPORT BECAUSE OF LOW VISIBILITY MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO COME DOWN AT THE USUAL LANDING FIELD AT LUNGHUA.

The planes were brought in safely by the United States Navy radar ground control approach system. The last plane landed at 5.20 p.m. carrying 18 passengers and had only eight gallons of gasoline left in the tanks. At the time of this landing the ceiling was 20 feet while visibility was about 250 yards.

Lt. O. F. Jarmon, officer in charge of the Navy ground control approach, brought down the CNAC pilot, Captain Leong, through the fog by voice radio, so he could make this successful landing with just a few minutes of gasoline left.

Altogether 52 passengers were landed at the Kiangwan field while Lughua was completely fog-bound.

It may be recalled that under almost identical weather conditions on Christmas Day, 1946, Lughua was the scene to three plane crashes within a few hours, taking a toll of over 70 lives. —Reuter.

### Consulate's Version Of Registration

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—The British Consulate-General today confirmed the report that all British nationals north of the Yangtze River and east of the Sian-Hankow railway have been advised to register for possible evacuation in view of the unsettled conditions.

However, the Consulate-General said it was only a "suggestion" and paralleled the United States' recommendations to American missionaries and other nationals to be prepared to evacuate if the pressure of the Chinese Reds is too great.

The Consulate-General said circulars have been distributed to British Consulates in North China in which it was pointed out that since extraterritoriality had been given up, Britons would have to depend on the cooperation of the Chinese Government for evacuation if the need arose. It said it was a "precautionary measure taken by the British authorities for speedy evacuation of their nationals should the occasion demand."

It added that so far no definite plans have been made and it did not know how soon or when such a programme might have to be carried out. —United Press.

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### Dev Faces Trouble

Dublin, Feb. 15.5

The Eire Premier, Mr. Eamon de Valera, will face the strongest opposition to his leadership since he took office 16 years ago when Eire's new Parliament meets next Wednesday to elect a Prime Minister.

No declaration has been made by the combined Opposition parties but it is understood that Mr. John Costello, 55-year-old Attorney General of the former Cosgrave Government and a member of the Fine Gael Party—the strongest Opposition group—has been approved as the most acceptable head of a coalition.

Mr. de Valera will have nothing to do with the coalition, but he and his 67 followers believe that they will hold the reins of government with the support of five National Labour members and some Independents. —Reuter.

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RAMAGE—To Lea, wife of C. S. Ramage, a son, at Kowloon Hospital on Monday, 16th Feb. 1948, both well.

### LET'S MAKE A BEGINNING

The spectacle of Singapore preparing to hold elections in April in order to bring into being a municipal organisation conforming to the new constitutional scheme for Malaya awakens memory to the fact there was once a general impression that plans were afoot to grant a 'greater measure of self government' to the people of Hong Kong to take the form of a Municipal Council, popularly elected.

That, of course, is merely a roundabout way of voicing the opinion that unless something is soon done about setting up the proposed Municipal Council, it may become necessary to explain to all and sundry, in close detail once again, what it is all about.

Nearly two years have elapsed since Sir Mark Young arrived in Hong Kong with a special mandate for constitutional reform. Nearly eighteen months have elapsed since his recommendations were sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for his approval. Nearly ten months have passed since the final scheme (in broad principle) was published in the Colony.

The absence of demonstration of public enthusiasm such as have recently marked the transfer of power in Ceylon from the Colonial Office to the local inhabitants were, perhaps, conspicuous. But public apathy alone affords no excuse for the delay since it has been axiomatic from the beginning that in Hong Kong the process of instilling a sense of civil consciousness must inevitably be long and tortuous, and that it might even be accepted as necessary that the 'beginning' should be made at the wrong end, and democratic ideas be introduced in concrete form without enquiring too deeply as to whether the Colony could justly be described as completely ready for them.

Part of the explanation for the delay appears to reside in the difficulty that has been experienced in obtaining a suitable candidate for the key appointment of Town Clerk. There appears to be a sharp conflict of view over the appropriate scale of salary, between what Hong Kong considers it can afford to pay and what will attract a competent local government expert in the United Kingdom, having regard to the principle condition, that the appointment is one for two years and no longer in the first instance.

There can be little patience with procrastination on this account. For a two year appointment of this type, an officer who has recently retired from a Town Clerkship in England would seem to be the ideal, for he would have both a long practical experience behind him, and no anxieties about his future.

Nor does this admittedly pertinent issue explain failure to implement the constitutional reform proposals in respect of the Legislative Council. There is nothing, as far as we know, which insists that the one measure shall precede the other; or even that the one is dependent upon the other. In the view of many, the creation of an unofficial majority in Legislative Council could be of more immediate practical benefit to the taxpayer than all the privileges to be conceded to the proposed 'Municipal' Council under the new constitution. Let us then cultivate our garden—where we can.



## THEY HOPE TO LIVE IN THE WHITE HOUSE

By John Drummond

On April 12, 1945, Harry Shippey stepped into the White House almost unnoticed as the shock of F.D.R.'s death numbed the world. When people got around to seeing who had become President they found a little man from Missouri of whom they had scarcely heard.

They soon did get to hear about him and today, when he has been President for exactly two years and nine months, he has behind him a record of legislation in the face of a hostile Senate which is a testimony to the forces which lie hidden beneath his disarming and naive exterior—his tremendous capacity for work, his wide mental grasp, his power of conciliation and his great courage.

At 63 he will go to the country next November as Democratic candidate, fighting it. His latest medical report would make many a man ten years younger feel envious. Blood pressure between 120/80 and 125/80. Heart: excellent. Weight: 128 lb. Overall condition: "Very excellent."

Sometimes the man who had had the mantle of greatness dropped over his slight shoulders so unexpectedly wishes he could go back to Missouri and rest. He likes to think that, although he is a big man in Washington, back home in Missouri he is Harry Truman—"just a farmer who happens to be a President." Recently he renewed his membership in the Kansas City Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing.

With his grey hair whitening slightly, Harry Truman, the holder, faces two battles in the coming months—he must fight a Marshall Plan intact through heavy opposition and he must face the contenders from that opposition for his office.

A factor in Truman's favour is that the Republicans are divided. So far, and not counting the "outer fringe" there are three "outliers" in the field: Robert Taft, of Ohio, who started the battle; Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York, who came within 3,000,000 votes of defeat.

## 100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

The terrible mortality at present going on among the troops, and the comparative exemption from disease of every other section of the community, are grave facts, deserving careful consideration. Every man, according to the best of his mind, without indeed enquiring into the truth upon which conviction is founded, finds a cause for the prevalence of disease in the barracks—some in their position, or their construction; others in the presumed intemperance habits of the men, or in the influence of their night duties.

We are of opinion that more importance is to be attached to the condition, has been attached by the public to the intemperance habits of the men than they deserve; nevertheless, every precaution ought to be taken to prevent them from the habitual use of the very worst of intoxicating drinks—such as "Shamshoo" and the bad liquor dispensed at the taverns.

An occasional excess, like that committed by the seamen when on shore, is much less harmful than the daily indulgence of bad spirituous liquors short of intoxication. In the first case the evil works its own remedy by the revulsion which it produces in the system; in the latter, it is a slow poison, operating steadily and stealthily, first depraving the functions, depressing vital energy, and lastly, establishing organic change and disease.

Amongst infantry soldiers, and indeed among other classes above them in position, no offence against morality is thought to exist in connexion with intemperance which comes short of absolute intoxication; so that the otherwise orderly conduct, or even religious bias of a man, may be guaranteed that he excels the vice of habitual indulgence. The liberal supply of good beer and sound wine, at the lowest possible charge, at the canteen, together with the judicious encouragement and promotion of temperance societies which exclude only the use of spirits, will be the safest and surest bulwarks.

Next November when the United States votes for a new President—or decides to keep its present one, the issue that will decide who occupies the White House is American aid for Europe, a term that now means far more than food for the hungry. The domestic issue is momentous enough—inflation—but post-war America has learned to look beyond her own shores, and inflation comes second to making the world safe from Communism.

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## CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"Another thing—no don't believe in loading you down with a lot of accessories!"

## Now For The U.S. Of Africa! By Frank Owen

NOW for the U.S. of Africa! There is one word on the lips of all our urgent, adventurous young men (and in the hearts of our older, matured men)—Africa.

As the heritage of the British Empire shrinks, through premature surrender, we begin to understand what happened in 1919, when the victory of Versailles broke up the old Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Before then Vienna was the keystone of a great imperial agglomeration. Afterwards, Vienna became a capital city without a country, a land-hunger without a hinterland. So, in 1938 Hitler's tanks rolled unopposed into that two-by-four State. The only casualties in the rape of Austria were the road accidents of the Panzer Corps.

Today Stalin has set his heel on the necks of the Czechs, the Hungarians, the Austrians, the Croats, and the Poles who once formed the old Austro-Hungarian Empire.

I doubt if the customers like it half so well. I doubt, too, if either the people of Britain or of Africa would find things better if, in 1948, we should part company with one another, strictly in the interests of democracy and what-have-you.

Cecil Rhodes

Sixty years ago Cecil Rhodes, a statesman in his time as to-tering in vision and courage as Churchill or Roosevelt in our day, foresaw that the future of the British Empire largely lay in Africa.

Rhodes fought for the All-Red Route (British Empire Red) up the east coast from the Cape to Cairo. He also wanted an African Federation in which the Native Peoples would increasingly take part. Rhodes, the Imperialist, was a genuine friend of the Black Man.

For historic reasons he failed in his own generation to convince his countrymen what he was about.

They know now! Legend says he died murmuring: "So much to do; so little time to do it." More likely the story that he said to his last friend at the bedside: "Have another drink, and roll me over on my side." (He suffered agony from his heart.)

There is just time still to do what this truly great Englishman planned.

Send the finest and strongest of our race South to make a new granary and power-house for Britain: to make a New Deal for the Coloured Folk of Africa, who sent us so many valiant soldiers in the time of war; to make a greater United States of Africa.

"Shame"

This prospect has not escaped the attention of Messrs. Atlee and Co. It is true that as long ago as Cecil Rhodes, and most of the time since, the Labour Party has been engaged in (a) apologising for the existence of the British Empire; and (b) proposing to dismember it.

As recently as 1938 Sir Stafford Cripps, whenever he thought of it, had to "hide his head in shame."

### Adjacent Houses

For there are other nations there besides ourselves: the French, the Belgians, the Portuguese, also the Spaniards. (Continued on Page 7.)

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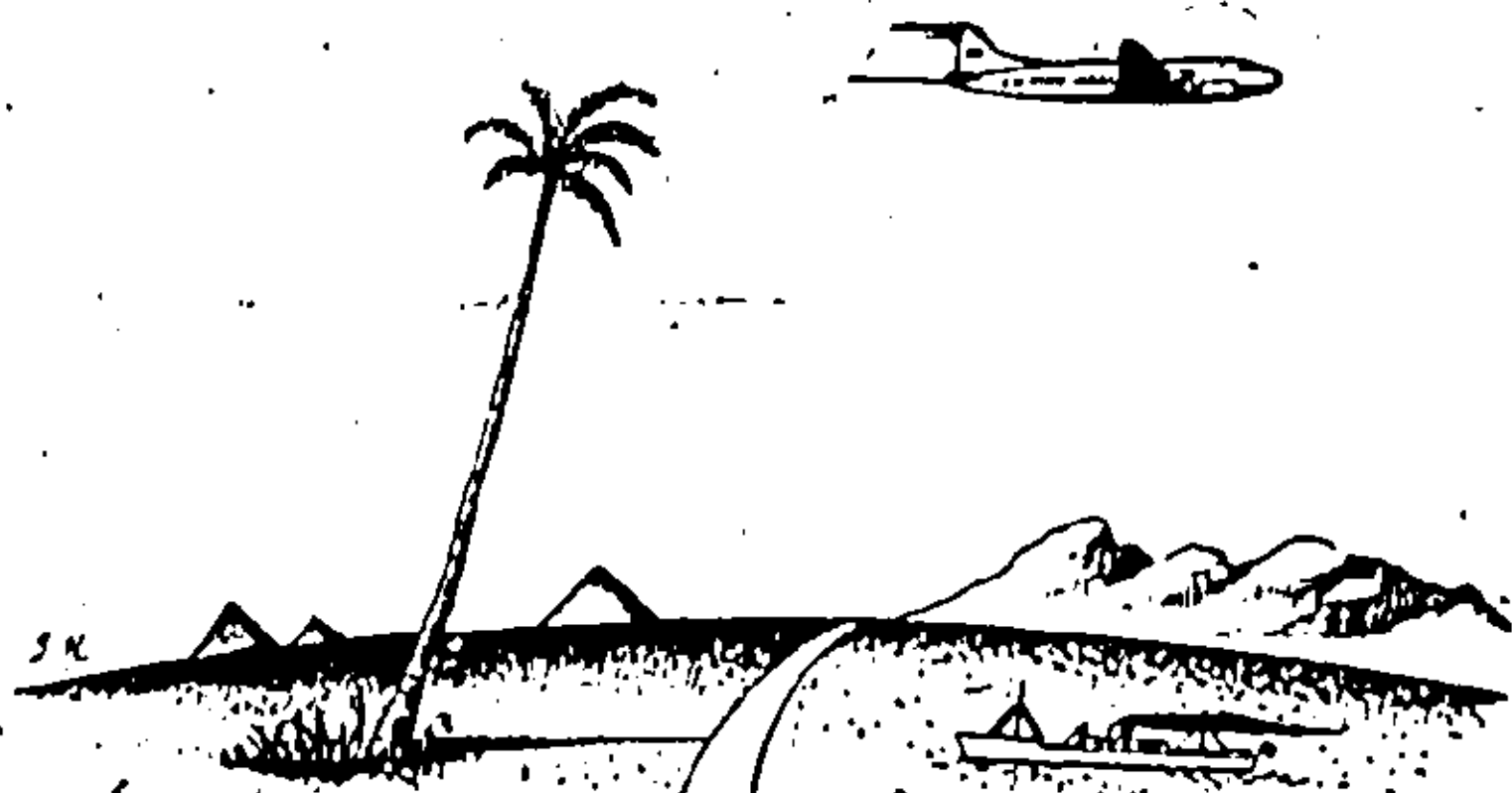
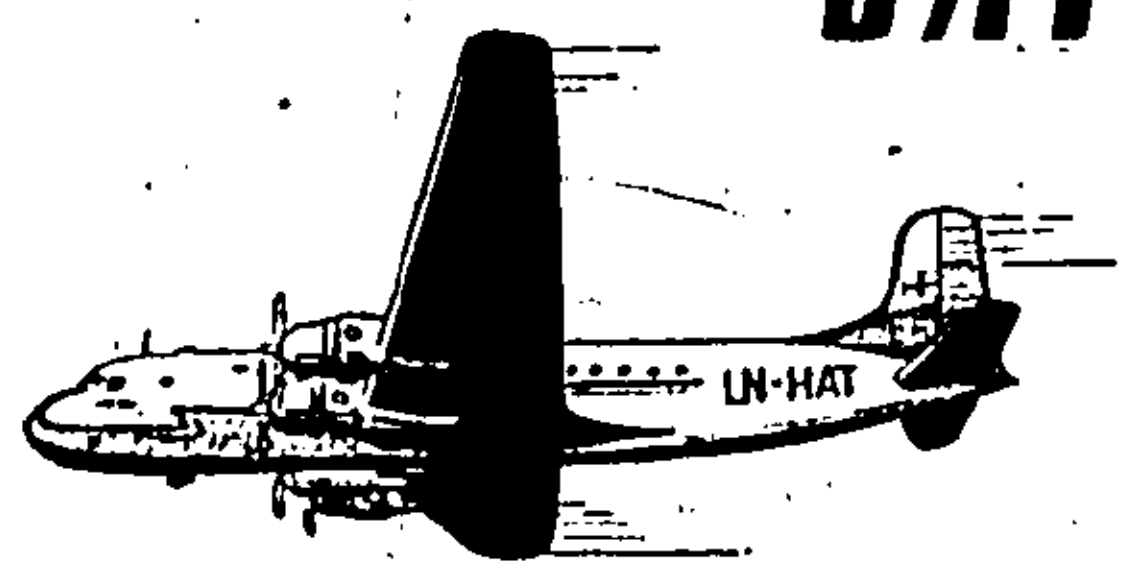
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# ANGLO-U.S. MOVE IN GREECE

## Generals To Join Defence Council

### Significant Step Announced

Athens, Feb. 16.

The chiefs of the American and British military missions in Greece have joined the Greek National Defence Council, an official announcement said today.

Previously they were only observers at the Council, which directs the warfare against the Communist-led guerrillas.

An announcement issued after a two-hour meeting between the heads of the Greek Government and U.S. and British diplomatic officials said "a clear definition of relationships between the Greek Government and the American and British missions" was agreed upon.

The step was seen as preventing further political moves such as the recent resignation of Lt. Gen. Constantine Ventris as Commander of Greece's northern army.

### Best Soldier

Both Major General S. B. Rawlins, the British military chief, and Major-General William G. Livesey, head of the American military mission, protested vigorously against acceptance of Ventris' resignation. They described him as "the best soldier in Greece."

Premier Themistokles Sophoulis and Vice-Premier Constantinos Tsaldaris refused to consider the protests, saying Ventris' resignation had already been accepted. Ventris was given credit for defeating the guerrillas last December in their effort to capture Kifissos as a capital for a Greek Communist state.

### Significant

The new announcement means that Major General James A. Van Fleet, who is coming to Greece to head the U.S. military groups, will be a member of the Defence Council.

As such he will have a voice in the fight against the guerrillas and composition of the army. General Van Fleet has been named Commander of all American Army, Air and Navy forces assigned to the Greek aid

mission. General Livesey retains overall command but will concentrate chiefly on problems of military supply.

Dwight Griswold, administrator of the American mission to aid Greece, will also attend the Council meetings, but in the role of observer.

This was regarded as significant, since he controls the disbursement of the mission funds.

### General Downs

The representation of the American and British missions on the Council will be equal, the announcement stressed.

The British representative will be Major General E. E. Davison, Commander of British troops in Greece who will become chief also of the British military training mission. General Rawlins has been recalled to London.

The agreement was seen as promoting harmony in the British, American and Greek military programmes. Associated Press.

## POLLITT ON AID PLAN

Wigan, Feb. 15.

The British Communist Party will welcome any help the United States can give to Britain "provided it has no political conditions," Mr. Harry Pollitt, the Secretary General of the party, stated here today.

Mr. Pollitt, who was speaking in support of the Communist candidate in a bye-election said they opposed the Marshall Plan "because they knew what it was."—Reuter.

## Quake Panic In Peru

Schuas, Peru, Feb. 16.

A brief but violent earthquake rocked this town in Northern Peru today, causing at least one death and destroying the town church and a number of houses. Several were reported injured.

The quake lasted only eight seconds, but was of such intensity that the ancient walls of the church, which had withstood numerous earlier tremors, collapsed. The walls of a number of houses caved in.

A cloud of dust covered the town and the people recalling last year's disastrous earthquakes in the area, fled to the open fields.—United Press.

# U.S. Navy And The Atomic Bomb

Pearl Harbour, Feb. 16.

Admiral Dewitt C. Ramsey, USN, indicated strongly on Saturday the U.S. Navy is confident it can deliver a carrier-based plane capable of carrying the atomic bomb.

The Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, declined to say at a news conference, however, whether such a plane is yet flying.

"It is logical to assume," he said, "that we are ready to take advantage of any possible adaptation of any kind of weapon for use in our planes, whether shore-based or carrier-based."

The U.S. Navy disclosed in Washington recently it was planning a mammoth carrier, and speculation arose at the time it would be designed to carry planes armed with the atomic bomb.

"Naval aviation is forward looking," said the Admiral, who is one of the U.S. Navy's top aviators, "and the atomic bomb is just another bomb."

So far as is known, the only plane able to carry the atomic bomb is the U.S. Air Force "Superfortress," which dropped those on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and in the first atomic bomb test at Bikini.

Ramsey said the U.S. Navy was experimenting with new types of weapons, including the launching of guided-missiles from submarines and ships, but he declined to go into details for security reasons.—Associated Press.

## ARCHBISHOP DEAD

Freiburg, Feb. 15.

Dr. Konrad Groeber, Archbishop of Freiburg, died here last night, aged 76.—Reuter.

# Basic Steps Towards A "True Submarine"

Washington, Feb. 16.

The U.S. Navy tonight announced a programme to streamline a number of fleet submarines as the first basic step toward the design and construction of the "true submarine." The true submarine, according to theory, would be a vessel completely self-sufficient under water, without having to come to surface for fuel or air. No one has ever been able to build one.

The streamlining consists of stepping up underwater speed and range of an undisclosed number of subs with alterations that have already proved successful on four other submarines.

Many countries attempted to build the true submarine and Germany came closest to it during World War II with the famous Schnorkel breathing tube.

In remodelling the submarines, the U.S. Navy will use an improved version of this tube which enables the sub to stay under water until fuel runs out.

The U.S. Navy said it will increase underwater speeds of the

subs — now about 10 miles an hour — by lessening water resistance. This involves the reducing of the size of the superstructure, removing deck guns and other topside projections in order to smooth down the hulls.

The U.S. Navy, dubbing this "guppy programme," said this "is the first of a series of basic steps of the Navy's long-range effort to design and construct the true submarine."

The subs, when altered, will yield information helpful to perfecting the plans for five new submarines, built with US\$43,500,000 authorized by the Congress since 1946.—United Press

## Madonna's Statue Phenomena

Rome, Feb. 15.

THE CATHOLIC ACTION NEWSPAPER QUOTIDIANO REPORTED CAUTIOUSLY TODAY ON A PURPORTED PHENOMENA OF "MOVING AND BREATHING" OF THE STATUE OF THE MADONNA ON THE CATHEDRAL OF ASSISI, WHICH HAS ATTRACTED MUCH PRESS ATTENTION AND THOUSANDS OF VISITORS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

The authoritative newspaper said religious officials maintained reserve concerning the reports, awaiting a scientific explanation of what thousands believed they saw as they looked up at the statue high on the front of the church of Santa Maria Degli Angeli.

Other newspapers, who sent correspondents from Rome to the native town of St. Francis, reported ever-growing crowds of pilgrims and townspeople gathering in the church square after darkness to view the "movements" of the statue since a group of youths first said they had seen the 24-foot replica of the Madonna "move and breathe" last Tuesday night.—United Press.

## Transvaal Indians Inquiry

Johannesburg, Feb. 15.

The police today raided the offices of the Transvaal Indian Congress and the Transvaal Passive Resistance Council, in Durban.

The homes and surgeries of Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the Natal Indian Congress, and Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, were also raided.

The raids lasted about an hour. The detectives carried search warrants authorising them to examine books and documents which might have a bearing on alleged offences committed under the Immigration and Riotous Assemblies Acts.

Indians in South Africa have organised passive resistance since the Asiatic Land Tenure Act was passed by the South African Government two years ago to regulate the occupation and acquisition of land by Indians in Natal Transvaal.

The Indians describe it as the "Ghetto Act."—Reuter.

## Deafening Sounds Upset Them

Moscow, Feb. 15.

Many letters criticising Dmitri Shostakovich and other composers named in last week's condemnation by the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party of "formalistic and anti-popular trends" in music, are being published in the Soviet press.

"Shostakovich's creations never enjoyed success among the workers as it was impossible for a normal person to listen to this sophisticated collection of deafening sounds," a foreman at a dynamo factory wrote.

"Shostakovich is really incomprehensible to Soviet men and women," another letter said.—Reuter.

## STEEL RECORD CLAIMED

Pittsburgh, Feb. 16.

Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation claims a world's speed record in test runs on its new cold strip mill at Allquippa, near here. The new mill rolls a paper-thin steel band 30 inches wide at a speed of 70 miles an hour.

The massive machinery weighs nearly 4,000 tons and is anchored in steel-reinforced concrete foundations. The product is a long thin steel band which becomes tinplate after it is coated with pure tin.—Associated Press.

## NOW FOR THE U.S. OF AFRICA!

(Continued from Page 6)

By one of History's happier flukes, all are within the area of Western Europe also. They are adjacent houses—with an enormous adjacent back garden.

Some Europeans still cannot see the possibilities of a joint development of a United Africa by a United Europe. But I will bet Sir Stafford's last dollar that the Americans can't. Why, they're busy in Liberia themselves at this exact moment.

I believe that the Americans want Europe and Africa to grow in strength and wealth. For the Americans are both a generous and a common-sense people.

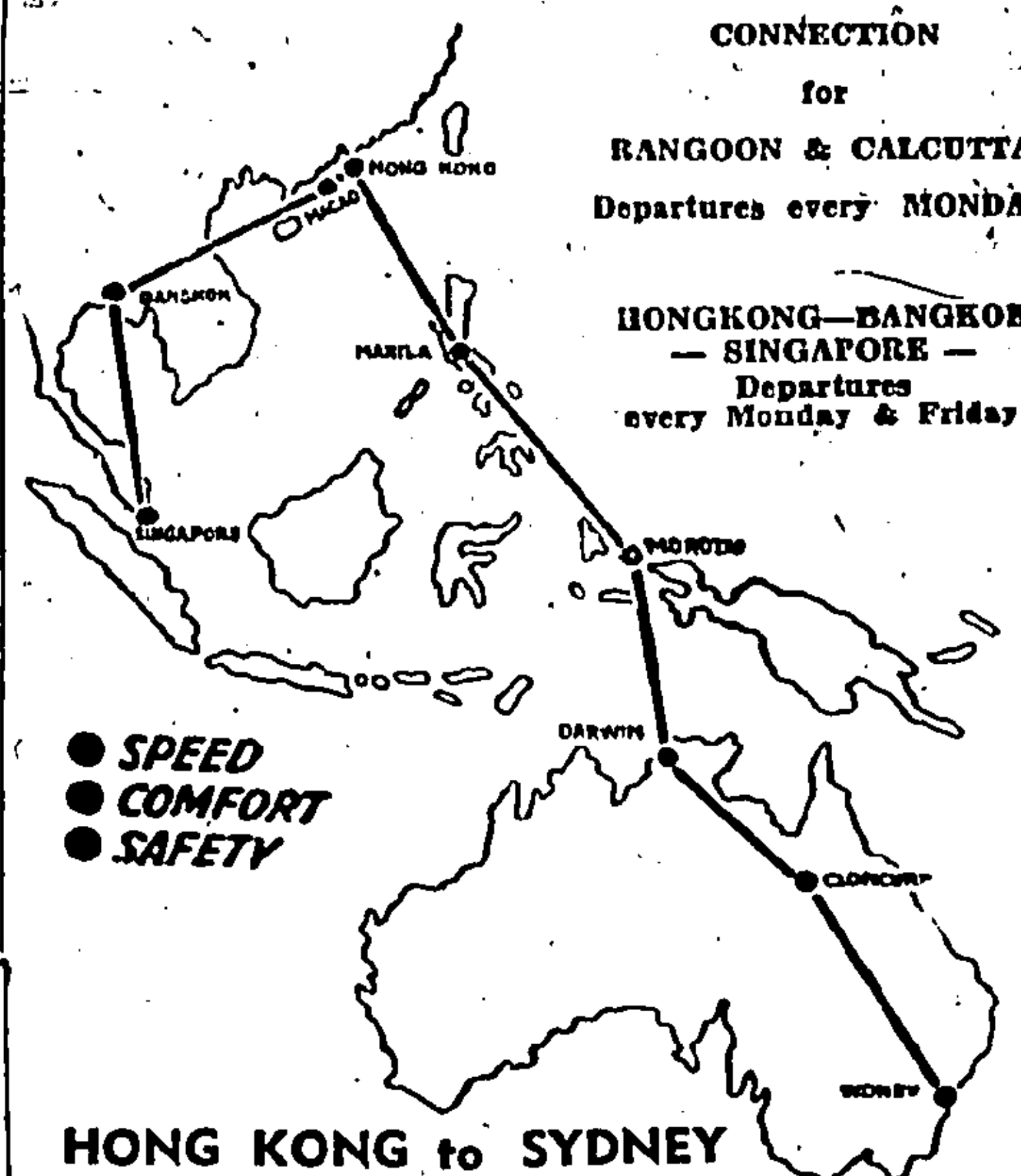
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# Woman Today

## New Look Timing Was An Error

New York. Kay Wester, fashion writer for Cosmopolitan magazine, says she has been convinced that one thing most women of for no love to is "New Look" styling—particularly to skirts that hung down to the calf.

This Autumn, she remarked in a Cosmopolitan article, "It was said that this new fashion was taking the New York wholesale market by storm. Storm indeed! A wind storm! Lots of conversation, no long dresses."

When first she saw manufacturers' collections for this coming Spring, she said: "The skirts were so long we were frantic." But when she asked a designer if selected dresses would be shortened, she said she got the reply: "Oh, naturally. You know, we are not shipping long dresses to most of the stores. Buyers tell us they can't sell them."

Miss Wester said that Ted Malone, a radio commentator, recently remarked "in a light

vein about the new long skirts" over the air. That was on Friday—"On the following Monday morning," she asserted "there were more than 12,000 letters of praise in his morning mail." Another such broadcast, and the postman brought in a much heavier batch of mail. The total, 97,432 letters.

"A careful study of the letters revealed that only five of every 3,000 had a good word for the new long skirts," Miss Wester declared. She listed these objections:

1.—"The timing of this fashion trend is 'diabolical'. It forces women to buy new clothes, throwing budgets out of line when the government is asking for conservation."

2.—"Long skirts (and extremely full skirts, coats and jackets) call for too much fabric at a time when Europe is in tatters."

3.—"Long skirts just cannot be worn by women who are chasing about after small children."

4.—"Long skirts, along with other style features, age women." A further comment in the mail was as follows: "Who on earth are the droopy dresses designed for? A short person looks like a gnome. A tall person looks like a skyscraper. A fat person looks like a toad—a thin person, like a beanpole."—Associated Press.

## Paris Begins To Slim

From JOYA BEGG

Paris is slimming down the New Look.

The spring fashion collections opened today with Lelong and Schiaparelli showing very little hip-padding in dresses and suits, with skirt fullness flattened in intricate pleats and drapery.

Coats show the hour-glass line most strongly, and many have big shawl collars. They are almost ankle-length.

Bright pink stockings that appear flesh-colored on the leg are worn by the mannequins.

Hats at Lelong are forward-tipping, with upturned brims showing the back hair.

At Schiaparelli sailor hats have roses rambling all over the face-veiling.



Mrs. J. H. Beattie, wife of Lieut. Col. Beattie, 25 Field Regiment, R.A., addressing those who attended the opening last week of the Services' Families Club at Whitfield Barracks. (China Mail photo).

## FEEDING WITHOUT FUSS

By Dorothy Mohr

What is the matter with Mary Jane?

She's crying with all her might and main

And it's lovely rice pudding for dinner again

What is the matter with Mary Jane?

There are many different reasons why children don't enjoy their meals and often the trouble starts early in life.

For instance, in infancy, if the baby is bottle-fed there is a great temptation to hurry him. He seems to be dawdling, the mother has a dozen other things waiting to be done, so hurry him along. Then, later, when the child is spoon-fed, the same thing happens again. One spoonful is pushed in on top of another without allowing the child time even to chew properly. And the effect of this awful haste is the exact opposite of what the mother wants! The child resents being hurried, so gradually he learns to dislike meal-times, even to dislike food, or he tries to force the pace his way and becomes slower and slower.

So the first rule of good feeding is: Let the child take his own time. Allow 20 to 30 minutes for the meal and then remove, without comment, what has not been eaten.

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Mr. T. A. Pearce and his bride, Miss Nina Quinn, after their marriage at St. John's Cathedral last week. (China Mail photo).

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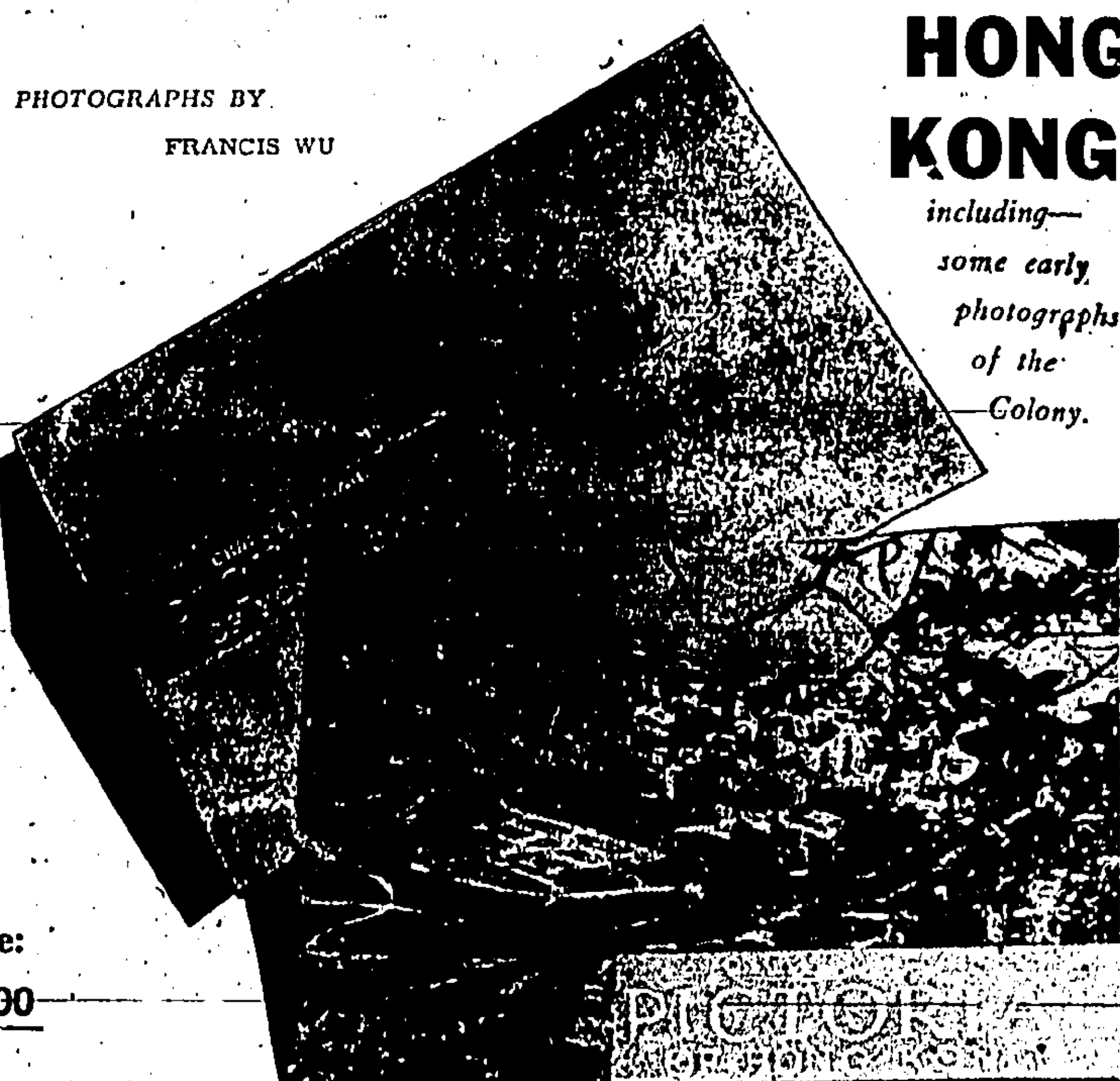
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## Women Behind The World's Thrones

Keith Butler. Athens. "Before the war I used to be very obedient, but now—" said Greece's Queen Frederica to me, with a mischievous twinkle in her blue eyes, "I'm afraid I'm sometimes a little rebellious."

Her husband, King Paul, and her country are lucky to have such an intelligent, charming and "rebellious" Queen. For it is when her people are suffering through the inefficiency, red tape or corruption of the authorities that she becomes rebellious.

Since King Paul succeeded to the throne on April 1, 1947, Queen Frederica has accompanied him on nearly all his long and exhausting tours over the unbelievably bad roads of their mountainous and war-torn Kingdom. She knows her country and her people's suffering better than most of the Athens politicians.

She has won the love and loyalty of soldiers and civilians alike to her husband and herself by her simple messages from the King.

With the help of his charming and sagacious wife, he is healing some of the old political wounds that have for long disfigured Greek life. He will yet rally his divided country where the politicians have failed.

### "THAT WOMAN"

A. Rowland Thomas. Buenos Aires.

The most talked of personage in Argentina is Dona Maria Eva Duarte de Peron, wife of the President of the Republic. She is commonly referred to as "Evita" or "That woman"; it depends on who is doing the talking.

Beloved by the masses, whom she addresses as "Descamisados" (Shirtless Ones)—her description of herself as

La "Primera Descamisada" might sound a little odd to English ears if translated.

She is President Peron's second wife, and at 27 years of age is exactly half his age. The Senora de Peron was a radio artist and her early training has contributed to her well modulated voice, heard increasingly in official broadcasts.

As First Lady of the land, she is indefatigable in her efforts to "implement" his programme for social justice of the working classes, for whom she holds open court daily in her special office.

### MOTHER'S VOICE

John Roberts. Teheran.

The 28-year-old Shah of Persia, modern, vigorous and adventurous, loves to drive his golden Rolls-Royce at speed through the streets of Teheran or pilot his own Hurricane on a day trip to a distant town of his huge kingdom. But family ties mean more to him than all the pleasures that his high station can give.

His two sisters, his dark vivid twin, Princess Ashraf, and the older Princess Chams, occupy themselves with hard work for the social welfare of their country and live in that blaze of publicity that beats upon Royal deeds of charity.

But, in affairs of policy both home and foreign, the Shah turns for advice to his aged mother, Queen Esmat, widow of Reza Shah, Persia's man of iron, and the daughter of an army officer in whose unit her husband served when he was only a common soldier.

It is, indeed, whispered that his continual submission to her domineering personality was one of the reasons the Shah's beautiful wife, Queen Fawzieh, sister of King Farouk of Egypt, feeling her position in Persia to be that of a mere figurehead, went to visit her brother two years ago and has not yet returned.

### THEY PROD HIM

Richard Hughes. Tokio.

Behind the weak, vacillating, slack-chinned figure of Emperor Hirohito of Japan stand two remarkable women—his aged, strong-willed mother, the Empress Dowager Sadako, and his plump, amiable wife, the former Princess Nagako.

Together, they have prodded him into more active acceptance of Western ideas, thrust him into closer personal contact with his 80,000,000 subjects, persuaded or driven him into the public glare from which he timorously shrinks, tried to implant and maintain some backbone in his apologetic, shambling personality.

His mother encouraged him to resist the shocked Court nobles when, 25 years ago, he wanted to marry Princess Nagako, who was not a direct member of the Fujiwara family which, for 13 centuries, had been the only clan from which empresses of Japan might be selected.

She is still a dogmatic personality, who likes to meddle in Court politics, although she seldom appears in public.

Hirohito's wife now 46 (or 47, according to the Japanese, who reckon a child to be one year old at birth), has borne him two sons and five daughters. One of the girls died.









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# POLICY ON REPARATIONS

## Significant Criticism In Germany

### International Law Said Violated

London, Feb. 15. The first significant German criticism of the Allied reparations policy in Germany has appeared in a detailed document entitled, "Reparations, Production and Standard of Life," published in Bremen and received in London over the week-end.

The document accused the Allies of violating international law and demanded that the whole problem of reparations be put "on a legal basis."

"Heretofore, all the measures taken by the Allies in securing reparations have been the unilateral acts of conquerors, and require, in order to be legal, to be confirmed in a treaty," it said.

Although negotiations on the German peace treaty had so far been carried on exclusively by the Allies, the author, Senator G. W. Harmsen, of Bremen, said that the document was "to serve as a basis for the eventual negotiations of German representatives with the Allies."

He declared that it was completed at the request of the Minister, President of the British and American Zones, when, after the Moscow Conference, "the need to hold in readiness principles for a German standpoint on the reparations question had made itself felt."

**"Open Offences"**

Senator Harmsen, who is in charge of economic research and international affairs on the Bremen "Reparations Commission," similar to that set up after the first World War, which would give Germany a voice in the final reparations should take, and, "above all," in the valuation of those already made.

Senator Harmsen said that many of the means adopted by the Allies to extract reparations from Germany were open "offences" against international law.

"To force prisoners of war and civilian workers to work against their will is slavery and as much against international law as the annexation of territories without the consent of the population, or the expulsion of inhabitants from their lands," he said.

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The President renewed his appeal in a message to the 1948 annual session of the United States Conference of Mayors.

He called for a long-range housing programme, observing that such legislation was "long overdue," and proposed a national education programme. — United Press.

## Government To Run Air Lines

London, Feb. 15. The nationalisation of India's air services was recommended today by the Standing Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Communications, New Delhi Radio reported.

The Committee accepted proposals to start an experimental Government-controlled air service.

At a meeting of the Committee today, figures were produced showing that the number of passengers flown by the Indian airlines during 1947 was three times the number flown in 1946.

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The number of companies operating was eight compared with five in 1946 while the number of aircraft increased by 60 per cent. — Reuters.

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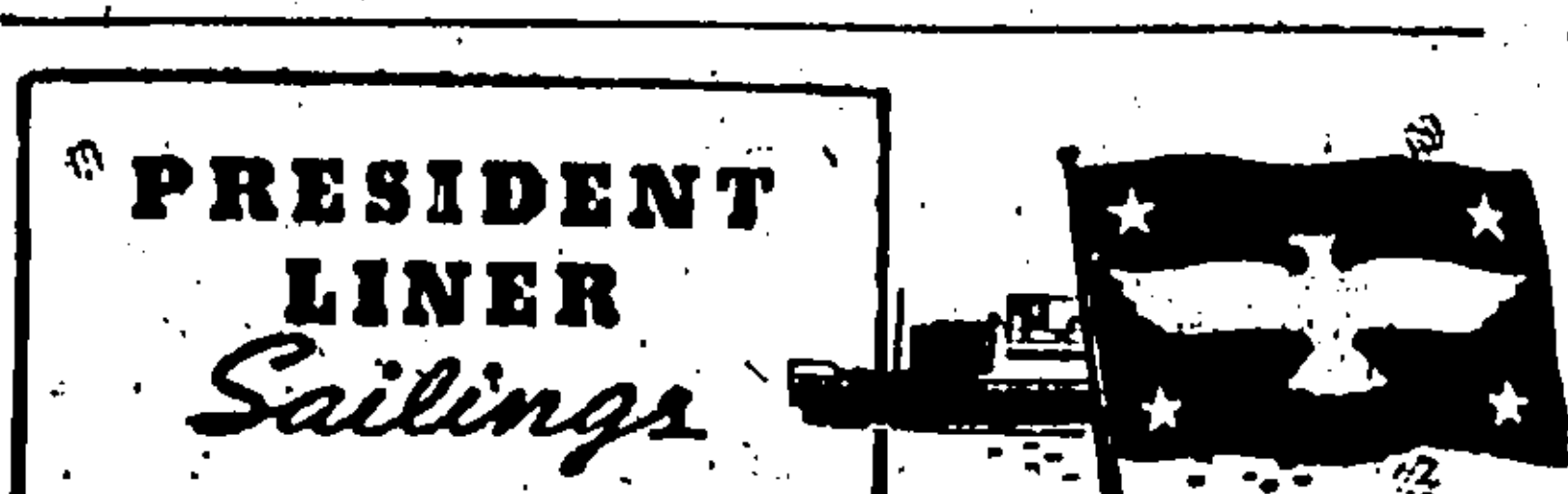
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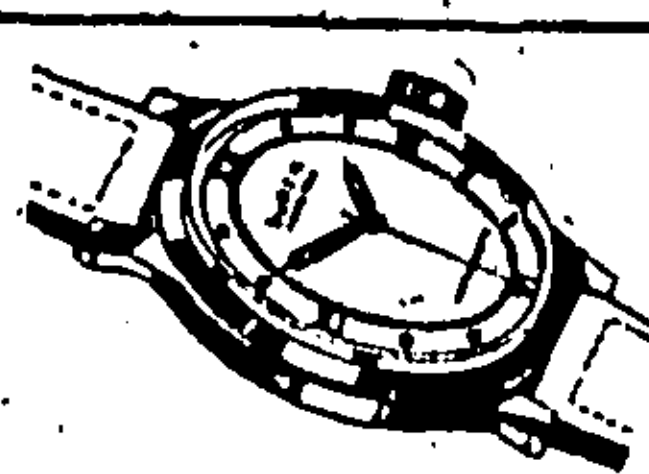
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## NAVY TROUNCE ARMY AT HOCKEY

For the second time in a fortnight the Navy gave the Army a sound beating at Hockey. In the match at Sookumpoo on Friday, which the Navy won by four goals to one, the real difference between the two teams lay in the Navy's ability to make the most of their opportunities in front of goal.

## Mission Funds Lost

Described as a probable victim of a gang of swindlers rampant aboard ferry launches, 21-year-old Wu Chiu-pak appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. K. d'Almada charged with fraudulent conversion.

Defendant, formerly an employee of the Catholic Mission and living with Father Spaulding, the complainant, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and a previous conviction against him. Inspector H. N. Moran said that Father Spaulding of the Catholic Mission, Catho Road, gave \$100 to defendant to pay workmen who had finished working on the mission on Feb. 7. Wu disappeared with the money and was arrested in the Catho Road premises on Feb. 14.

Wu, who said he lost the money gambling aboard a ferry launch, promised to make restitution. He said he expected cash from the country soon.

## Owned Brothel Premises

Hong Shuen, present licensee of No. 5 Ming Yui Lane, first floor, appeared before Mr. F. K. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday in answer to a summons "being the owner of the premises upon which notice of eviction was served on Dec. 5, 1947, for permitting the premises to be used as a brothel."

Hong, who pleaded guilty, was fined \$250.

The original summons was issued against Kwan Lau-wing and Kwan Lau-yuk, of No. 8 Thompson Road, Kwan Hong, father of the defendants, appeared in court yesterday with a power of attorney to represent his children who are now in the United States.

Hong said that he was the present licensee of the premises and did not know anything about the issue of the house before receiving the eviction order. He admitted responsibility to the summons.

Inspector Davies said that the premises were raided three times and on these occasions three keepers were fined \$250 each.

The eviction order was served on Dec. 5, 1947, but no action was taken.

## Old Offender Sentenced

With three previous convictions for larceny, 46-year-old Chan Kam was yesterday sentenced by Mr. W. H. Lattimer to six months' hard labour and a recommendation for banishment on the charge of larceny.

Sub-Insp. J. S. Howarth informed the Court that about 10 p.m. on Feb. 14, Cheung Wong was sitting inside 197 Tong Mei Road, ground floor, when he heard some iron pipes being moved outside the house.

Going out to investigate he saw defendant walking away with a length of pipe. He caught the accused and brought him to the Shamshuipo Police Station.

Hollywood, Feb. 16. Actress Lorraine Day and Brooklyn Dodger manager Leo Durocher today decided to skip a second honeymoon after being married for the second time on Sunday to satisfy California law. The couple eloped to Mexico a year ago but the Los Angeles Judge declared the marriage void because Miss Day's divorce was not final.—United Press.

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## Tsui Wai-Pui Touring Bangkok

The Hong Kong tennis star, Tsui Wai-pui, in company with the veteran soccer player Lee Wai-long & Junior Yuk Tak, now touring Bangkok, in charity tennis exhibition matches, the entire proceeds of which go to the Tien Wah Hospital.

On Feb. 9, Tsui opened the first singles by beating Siam's No. 2 player Sawar 6-1, 6-4.

Lee Wai-long followed and suffered defeat at the hands of Maung-tong, local Champion of 1947, 6-1, 6-3.

Apparently the heat worried the soccer King of China though he played one of his best matches thus far. His forehand drives and sharp angle volleys received much applause.

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## Dazed Bees Gape At Wildcat

(By "Grandstand")

Wildcat hurler Lefty Dolly Brown practically won the ball game all on her own on Sunday as she had 15 dazed Bees gaping at her speedy pitches, which besides herself and the catcher, the only other fielders that handled fielding chances were the first base and short-stop.

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## Hong Kong's Team For Manila

The Hong Kong teams to oppose Manila in three matches this month were picked by the Football Association Committee yesterday.

The Committee also decided to accept Saigon's invitation to visit Indochina. A team will be selected in due course and will leave Hong Kong towards the end of March.

The Colony's teams against Manila:  
Hong Kong: A. Leck; Hau Yung Sang, B. Gosano; Lau Chung Sang, K. Forrow, Chan Kam Hol, Ho Ying Fan, Chow Man Chi, Tang Yee Kit, Klerman and Wong King Cheung.  
Reserves: Tse Kam Hung, Fung King Cheung, Chu Wing Keung.

Team manager: Harris.  
Chinese Team: Yue Yiu Tak; Hau Yung Sang, Tse Kam Hung, Lau Chung Sang, Soon Fung Sing, Cheung Kam Hol, Ho Ying Fan, Chu Wing Keung, Tang Yee Kit, Chow Man Chi and Wong King Cheung.  
Reserves: Tsang Chung Wan, Hui King Sing, Fung Kwan Sing, Chan Tak Fai and Tse Kam Ho.

Team manager: Mok Hing.  
Non-Chinese Team: A. Leck; B. Gosano, Soutar; Anderson, K. Forrow, Parwin; M. Xavier, Cunningham, Sewell, Klerman and Bates.  
Reserves: Crayhead, Callaco, Gordon, Weller and Mullen.  
Team manager: Usherwood.

## Interport Golf Match To Be Held On Monday

An Interport golf match between Hong Kong and Manila will be played next Monday at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

Sixteen Manila players, representing the "Wack Wack" Golf Club, winners of the recent Philippine Air Lines Inter-Club Golf Tournament in Manila, are expected to arrive in Hong Kong this week-end.

The team comprises 10 regular members and six alternates. The regular 10-man team will be composed of Johnny S. Caudrindo, Johnny E. Tunson, Dindo Gonzales, Francisco Reyes, Fred Hagedorn, Honorio Poblador, Thomas Wheat, Eulogio Rodriguez, Benny Laperul and Celso Tunson.

The six alternates will be A. P. Reyes, Manuel de Leon, Iquidra Marquez, Sol Alcantara, Artime Delfino and Jonquin C. Yusoco.

Eulogio Rodriguez, Vice-President of the Wack Wack Club, will head the interport-delegation with A. P. Reyes as manager and Johnny S. Caudrindo as captain.

A Manila message said that a series of three matches are scheduled to be played in Hong Kong — on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday. The Secretary of the Hong Kong Golf Club, however, told the "China Mail" yesterday that Monday has been fixed for the interport game.

The Hong Kong team has not yet been chosen.

## Bandits Respond To Ultimatum

Chinese reports said today that "bandits" under Huang Wen-ping surrendered following a Fukien Provincial government ultimatum threatening annihilation.

Reports said that Huang, whose operations menaced Changtai and Tungan, 20 miles west and 32 miles north of Amoy respectively, gave up after being encircled by the Peace Preservation Corps.

However, the southern section of Fukien province reported increased "bandit" activities, with large bands operating near the Kwangtung border. Reports said that bands were attacking Changpu and Yungshiao, 20 and 40 miles respectively north of Changchow.

These bands crossed into Fukien from Northern Kwangtung and are apparently affiliated with the Chinese Communists, the reports said.—United Press.

## RIOTS AGAINST BRAHMIN

Bombay, Feb. 15. It was reported that rioting against Brahmins broke out yesterday in the Ratnagiri district, 200 miles southeast of here, with mobs burning and looting all Brahmin property in the area.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the third class railway coach which brought Gandhi's ashes from Delhi to Allahabad would be preserved as a national memorial.—United Press.

## U. S. VISIT TO TURKEY

Ankara, Feb. 15. Admiral Richard Conolly, commander of the United States naval forces in the Mediterranean, and officers of his staff are expected here tomorrow on the third American "good will" visit in two years. Great importance is being attached to the visit.—Reuter.

## Jinnah To Retire Shortly

LAHORE, FEB. 16. THE CIVIL AND MILITARY GAZETTE SAYS THE NAWAB OF Bhopal WILL SUCCEED MAHOMED ALI JINNAH AS PAKISTAN'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL DUE TO JINNAH'S "DIFFERENT HEALTH AND HIS WISH TO RETIRE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE."

The British-edited paper predicts the Nawab will take over about mid-August, abdicating in Bhopal, in favour of his eldest daughter, Princess Alpa Sultan, 35.

Bhopal is in Central India and has an area of about 7,000 square miles. It has a predominantly Hindu population and had joined the Indian union.

The Nawab is a Muslim and formerly was Chancellor of India's Chamber of Princes.—Associated Press.

## Malicious Damage

Ten months' hard labour each was imposed on three odd-job coolies when they pleaded guilty to a charge of maliciously damaging 182 feet of lead cable in Lyemun Barracks before Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Inspr. Brownrigg said that the men were employed to cut grass. After the grass was cut and they were tying it into bundles they were seen to have the lead cable wrapped in the grass.

Mr. Conklin told accused that there was far too much stealing from barracks and that if they were found trying to steal again they would be sent to prison for a very long time.

## KMT Official Arrested

Kunming, Feb. 16. The police authorities here today arrested Chen Hsi-nien, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang branch headquarters in Funging county, and his assistant Li Ying on charges of having allegedly murdered Li Pin-chul, the Funging county magistrate, and his wife on the evening of Jan. 15.

Magistrate Li and his wife were taking a walk outside the city walls of Funging, a provincial county east of Kunming, at the time of the murder at 6 p.m. on Jan. 15. The magistrate and Mrs. Li died of bullet wounds in the chest.—Central News.

## Astronomers Taking A Peek At Mars

Chicago, Feb. 15. Astronomers of the University of Chicago hope this week to settle whether there is any animal or plant life on Mars.

They expect to do it with a newly developed electronic device capable of analysing matter millions of miles out in space, which they will hook up to the McDonald Observatory's 12-inch reflecting telescope at Fort Davis.

Mars will come within 63,000,000 miles of the earth this week. Two areas on the planet will hold their particular interest—the green patches, that seem to undergo seasonal changes, and the polar ice. The electronic device, called a spectral recorder, is expected to determine whether these green patches are identical in type to vegetation growing on earth, and whether the polar caps are comprised of frozen moisture.

**Plant Life**  
If the spectral recorder shows the Martian areas have the same infrared ray absorption pattern as similar earth areas, astronomers say it will mean that plant life, similar to that on earth, and moisture are present on Mars.

If there is a thriving plant life of animal life exists, the astronomers say, although probably of a much different evolutionary nature from that on earth.

The atmosphere on the surface of Mars is so rare that it is equivalent to that 50,000 feet above the earth.

## Pickpocket Caught In Act

But for the vigilance of Sub-Insp. Fife, 32-year-old So Hui would have lost a \$17 fountain pen in Des Voeux Road, Central, near Pottinger Street, on Sunday afternoon.

Si Fife, who was commended by Mr. F. K. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday when Chan Tak-wah, 19-year-old unemployed appeared charged with larceny from the person, saw Chan extracting something from So's outside breast jacket pocket while holding a handkerchief in the other hand to cover the act.

The police officer arrested Chan and informed the victim returning his pen which was in defendant's hand.

Chan, who a previous conviction, was sentenced to eight months imprisonment and recommended for banishment.

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